

Tues Jan 1

God of time and eternity, as we enter the New Year, day by day open to us your will, and help us to accept the challenge.

Wed Jan 2

Lord, time is short. Time is precious. May we use each moment wisely to Your glory.

Thurs Jan 3

O God, who would not that any should live without comfort and hope, have compassion on those who have no homes, especially in these winter conditions. Thank you God for all those who are working for their good. We pray for all those who work for soup kitchens, Food Banks, Shelter and all other charities.

Fri Jan 4

Father, hear the prayer we offer. Not for ease that prayer shall be But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously.

Sat Jan 5

Pray for all clergy and lay workers in our area, as they seek to forward the mission of the Church. May we support them in both prayer and action.

Sun Jan 6 *Epiphany*

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star, led the Wise Men to the worship of your Son, guide by His light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold His glory.

Mon Jan 7

Dear Lord, give us thoughts that pass into prayer. Prayer that grows into love, and love that makes us carry out your Holy will.

Tues Jan 8

God stay with me. Let no word cross my lips that is not Your word. No thoughts enter my mind that are not Your thoughts. No deed ever be done or entertained by me, that is not Your deed.
Malcolm Muggeridge

Wed Jan 9

Remember all those on our hearts who are suffering from stress, anxiety, recovering from surgery or undergoing difficult and painful procedures. As we pray for them, let us pray that they may feel Your love and care surrounding them.

Thurs Jan 10

God our Father, we thank you for the bright things of life. Help us to see them and to count our blessings, that our lives may flow in ceaseless praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fri Jan 11

Your Word is a lantern for my feet, a light searching out all my ways. May we not neglect the reading of your word, the Bible. Help us to understand the words we read and enable us to respond to it.

Sat Jan 12

O Lord, I do not pray for tasks equal to my strength: I ask for strength equal to my tasks.
Philip Brooks

Sun Jan 13

I sit in church, Lord, very aware of Your presence. Glad I can draw aside from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Somehow, I hear You telling me never to sever the relationship between the silence in worship and the life of reality outside. For at the junction is YOU, Lord of heaven and earth.

Mon Jan 14

At the beginning of the working week, we pray for those who go

with heavy hearts. Perhaps they do not enjoy what they do, or perhaps the people with whom they spend their day are difficult, judgemental and spiteful. Yet Lord, help them and us to remember that each person is loved by You, however they appear, and we must seek to show Your love to them.

Tues Jan 15

We pray for those who are lonely, and those who are missing their partner in life. We pray for those who are housebound. Lord, help us to give a few moments of our time to give cheer and show friendship, remembering it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Wed Jan 16

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases: his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3 22-23*

Thurs Jan 17

We pray for those who care for people in nursing and residential homes in our communities. We ask you to be with them and uphold them in their daily tasks. We also pray for child carers looking after a disabled or stressed parent.

Fri Jan 18

O God, make us children of
quietness and heirs of peace.
Clement of Rome, 1st century

Sat Jan 19

Lord, we thank you for your
unconditional love. May we be
inspired to spread this love to
others, even to those whom we
may find difficult.

Sun Jan 20

Lord Jesus Christ, let the power of
Your love be in us today. Send
Your Spirit to move our hearts so
that we hear, see, experience and
understand what Your gift of
eternal life truly means for us.
Strengthen us in our faith. Shed
the light of Your grace over us and
within us.

Mon Jan 21

Today I STOP
I sit in your presence
I just say 'Thank You'

Tues Jan 22

May you realise that the shape of
your soul is unique. That you have
a special destiny here. That behind
the destiny of your life there is
something beautiful and eternal
happening. *John O'Donohue*

Wed Jan 23

Pray for all forms of media:
whether the press, television or the
internet. We pray that those
responsible for what we see, read
or hear may act with integrity,
avoiding the lurid, distasteful and
offensive reporting of the news.

Thurs Jan 24

Pray for those who have lost their
jobs, as they struggle to make
ends meet. May they be enabled
to find work soon. Pray for all the
agencies who help them in their
time of need.

Fri Jan 25

The Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, You have caused
the light of the gospel to shine
throughout the world through the
preaching of Your servant, Paul;
grant that we, who remember his
wonderful conversion, may follow
him in bearing witness to Your
Truth, through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Sat Jan 26

Bless the homeless, Lord, today
and every day. Keep them from
emotional and physical harm. Fill
their hearts with hope for the
future: hope for a safer, more
secure life.

Sun Jan 27

We pray that you will strengthen
Your Church to be a beacon of
hospitality for the poor. We pray
that seeing the light of Christ's
love, the nations and peoples of
the world may fight not to kill but to
outdo one another in care for the
poor, and in actions of gracious
generosity. *Justin Welby,
Archbishop of Canterbury*

Mon Jan 28

Lord, help me not to despise or
oppose what I do not understand.

Tues Jan 29

Uphold, O God, those who are
imprisoned or persecuted for their
beliefs. Be to them a light showing
the way ahead; a rock giving them
the strength to stand, a song
singing of all things overcome.
Richard Harries

Wed Jan 30

May those who work for peace
have the gifts of tolerance and
understanding to see all points of
view. Give them wisdom to
resolve difficult issues and
perseverance to carry on when all
seems lost.

Thurs Jan 31

He is our clothing
In His love He wraps and holds us
He enfolds us in love and He will
never let go. *Julian of Norwich*

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**Quiet now....
Close the mind's door
on the business of the day
And for this brief moment
clear the way for God.**

**Quiet now....
No need for words.
Listen and be still.
His voice will direct.
His Spirit will fill your soul.**

**Quiet now....
Breathe in new strength,
new courage,
Learn His will's plan for you.
Then in peace return to duty.**

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