



**“A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.” Deuteronomy 23:5**

## A New Year's Prayer

DEAR LORD

As a new year begins, We come to You and ask for Your blessing.

We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives.

Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year.

We wait in anticipation to see all You will do!

Thanking God for you and praying your new year is blessed in every way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

AMEN

A New Year is once again upon us. Let us take time to be thankful for the blessings of the past year and give thanks to God for His love towards us. With that in mind:

- Never forget that you are God's individual creation and therefore a gift He has bestowed on the world. Be humbled by the fact that He certainly has you in the palm of His hand. Without Him you are nothing.
- Be happy with who and what you are. God made you and loves you. If you feel you need to change to please Him, you can do it. Just ask for His help.
- The choices you make are your responsibility. Sometimes our choices hurt us. Embrace them and learn from them and move on. Thank God for the experience.
- Sometimes NOT getting what you want or what you think you need is a blessing. If you trust God, you will thank Him. When "one door closes another opens."
- Always count your blessings, not your troubles.
- Always do your best. The "best" is all God expects from each of us.
- You can make it through whatever comes along. Grace will be there, but it only comes one day at a time. Don't fret about the future.

- Prayer is the most powerful of weapons and can be your greatest ally in all diversity.
- Don't take things too seriously, especially yourself.
- The key to happiness is to give of yourself, not to "get" for yourself.
- Miracles happen; you are one — I am one — we all are one.
- Temptation is everywhere. It is okay to say "NO."
- Finally, never fail to help a neighbor, whoever it may be, even a stranger.

**May the New Year be filled with God's blessings and may 2018 bring you PEACE, JOY and GOOD HEALTH!**