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Facing The New Year

The year 2025 is almost gone and 2026 begins. It is a time of war, a time of anti-God philosophy all over the nation. It is a time of sin. We live in a world where things are no longer right or wrong. So called liberation like we have never known before rules the day. Man is so wilfully blinded, conviction is an unknown and things are getting worse. There is an increasing spiritual deadness which results in loneliness, sorrow, disappointments of life, broken homes, divorce, suicides, murder, drug overdoses, to mention a few. It is a life in not knowing Christ as one's personal Saviour, not knowing the peace of God despite one's circumstances, and not putting our faith and trust in the Lord who will lead, guide and comfort us through every situation.

As believers in our Lord, we need to face the New Year with confession and humility. We need a closer walk with God. How loyal and willing and active we ought to be, despite all discouragements, in the matter of daily bearing our witness for the Saviour! It has been said that a pessimist is one who sees a difficulty in every opportunity; whereas an optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty. Let this be a year of seeing opportunities rather than difficulties. If we have eyes to see, there are "open doors" everywhere. Let us go forward with confidence and faith. God still lives, and neither circumstances, nor man nor devil can separate us from the love of Christ and His care (Romans 8:35, 38, 39).

Let us face the New Year with earnest, definite goals in prayer: prayer for loved ones, prayer for souls, prayer for our leaders and nation, prayer for revival and prayer for our missionaries. Let us use the power of the Holy Spirit within us to live better lives, to spend more time in the Bible, in prayer, in witnessing to lost souls.

We are living in very serious days, "perilous times" (2 Timothy 3:1) and there is no doubt but what the coming of our Lord draweth nigh. It is not the hour to sleep for we know not when the Lord will return (Mark 13:32, 33).

Stepping Into the New Year

I do not know, I cannot see
What God's kind hand prepares for me;
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

I know the Hand that hath me fed
And through the year my feet hath led;
I know the everlasting arm
That hath upheld and kept from harm.
I trust Him as my God and Guide
And know that He will still provide.

Thus at the opening of the year,
I banish care and doubt and fear,
And clasping His kind hand, essay
To walk with God from day to day;
Trusting Him whom he hath fed,
Walking with Him who hath led.

Farewell Old Year, with goodness crowned,
A hand divine hath set thy bound;
Welcome New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King;
The "Old" we leave without a tear,
The "New" we hail without a fear.
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