

YEAR 2000

Isaiah 51:5-8

Congratulations! - 2000 compliant!

Wow! - so simple,

One little programme and all was done.

Some said - not easy,

Some said - start from scratch,

Some said - life will stop,

Some said - the world will come to an end.

There are always - "some who say".

The truth - life continues

The risk - that nothing will change:

Only I live on yesterday's experience

and have not realised

I have the power to change.

So, Lord, make me ready for the new age,

2000 compliant to Your work

and Your command.

Programme me to be reliable and,

even if I am not the quickest in the world,

let me play my part,

and serve You.

Pray that we may use
our talents to the full
for the advancement
of Christ's Kingdom



Pray that we may
not become
encumbered by
false tradition but
recognise what is
important and true

A SECOND CHANCE *Revelation 21:1-4*

Our faith is weak, Lord,
Yet, you never give up on us.
Our love is fragile,
Your love is secure.
We wonder if we are making any progress,
You have travelled the road before us.
We question our capability,
You know our potential.
We feel alone and put down,
You are always at hand to support us.
We worry,
You give us all that is needed for the day.
Our worry turns to fear and distrust,
You consume all through your love.
We reject and disown you,
You are always ready to trust and
give us a second chance.
The seed, Lord, that you have planted in us
is born from the past,
carrying with it the wisdom and experience
of those who have gone before;
Yet it grows to a new dawn,
looking forward and upward to your light.
So, Lord, from our seeds of despair
arise, in us, a new hope.
Alone, we may - or may not - achieve much,
but together, we can turn barren earth
to fields ablaze with your Glory.
Give us vision for what may be,
and inspire us for this new age.

Pray for a
world in
which we
may all
work
together
in peace
and love



In the new millennium I pledge to:-

This leaflet can be used in a number of ways - at Bible Study, Church Service or at Camp. It may also be used in personal devotions. A number of specific concerns are listed under prayer points and these can be combined with topics in praying for others

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a second chance

Pray that we will take all
the opportunities You
provide, to live for others
and not only ourselves
and share your blessings
freely with all people in
every land



NEW BEGINNING

Hebrews 12:1-3

A chance to run,
A chance to play,
to move and to stand still,
to see again and to live once more,
to be perfect - or nearly so -
to be part of your world, Lord.

This, the gift that Jesus brings

This, the meaning of his love
by this, rejuvenated,

invigorated to his purpose,
losing little but gaining all
for a beauty that is perfection.

Where is there a greater gift?

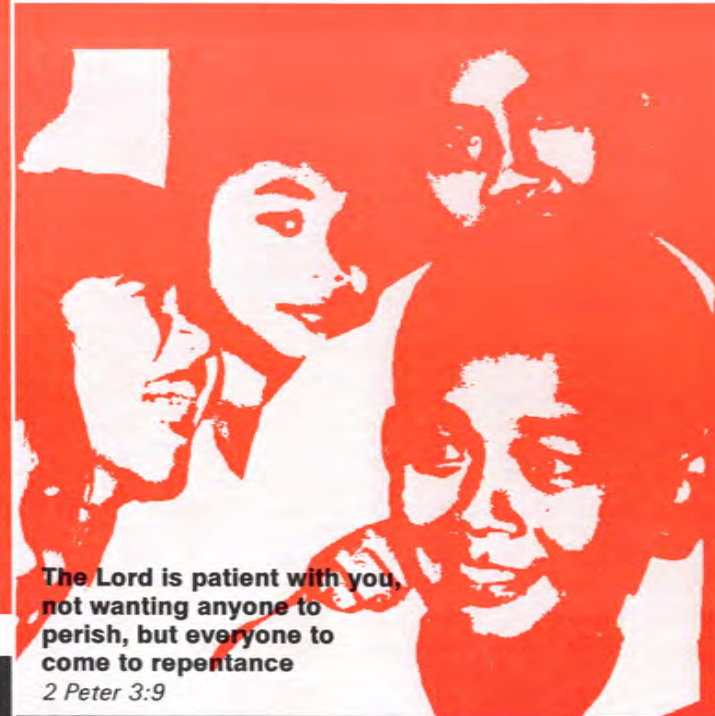
Where is there a more powerful word?

Where are the temptations that

can compete with the extent of Christ's love?

Give me now that new beginning,

that I will run and dance and play for You, Lord
all the days of my life.



**The Lord is patient with you,
not wanting anyone to
perish, but everyone to
come to repentance**

2 Peter 3:9



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We look here to the new millennium - and beyond; this gives us to make the world more fitting to the Kingdom of Christ. We again follow the pattern of providing a series of meditations with prayer points, on which you are invited to build your own prayers in thought, words and action.

MORNING *1 Thessalonians 5:5-8*

Morning - a new dawn
Blessed by your presence and open to You.
Let me receive your guiding Spirit,
as I receive the blessings of this day.
Let this day be one more step on my journey
let it be one of adventure and safety
exciting at every turn
a new experience on every mountain.
And so, let me not languish in the darkness of the night
but rise to this new occasion
gifted by You,
and by your Son, Jesus Christ.



Pray for children who suffer from illness that could be prevented

REPENTANCE *Hosea 14:1-2*

And so we walk with heavy load,
Gathered from past misdeed,
Collected through fear,
Shaped by indifference.
For we have neglected you in many ways, Lord,
and have laid aside your Gospel,
disregarding your teaching
for more immediate gain,
Not knowing, through our ignorance,
the harm,
the bitterness,
and the pain.
This, Lord, is the burden that constrains,
that we admit, and must let go,
For the journey you have planned, Lord
is for the fit and not the burdened.
So lighten us and free us from the past,
giving new hope and a new way,
training us for a race
that can be won for You alone.

Pray for children who suffer through the action of adults



Pray for fresh ideas and insight, for programmes that are ever relevant and challenging

RECONCILED *Matthew 5:43-48*

You have told us
to love one another,
A love that comes from you
and is complete in your creation,
A love so different from a world
so eager to hate,
where bitterness and aggression
too easily fill our hearts,
where fear sows seeds of derision
and selfish desire.
To a distortion of what is true.
Your love blesses and reconciles
creating one of what was parted.
Let us possess the courage to love,
giving freedom and worth
to all that is yours
and of your hand.



Pray that young people may find employment and value in their lives

Pray for peace around the world; particularly in countries like Sierra Leone and Congo where violence has traumatized the lives of so many of your children



PASSION *Luke 23:32-43*

Through centuries of pain
your agony on the cross is revealed.
And every time a life is taken
or injury caused;
Every time one of your children is rejected,
The nail that pierced your hand is driven home.
Another tear is shed.
When, Lord, will we learn there is another way.
That evil can be defeated
but not by evil in return
That accepting the role of the Devil
lends credence to all that is base and vile.
That the one, true and only way
is that of love.
So we come to understand as life passes
That "love thy enemy"
is not just an option
But a prerequisite for your Kingdom
and vital to your inheritance.
May we listen and obey all
that you have commanded.

Pray that young people will communicate with each other better and will lead the world to a fairer understanding

FORGIVENESS *Acts 9:1-6*

You came, Lord, and I did not listen
You came, and I did not see your face
You came, Lord, before I had realised
all that I had not done
and my need for you
And I gave you little thought.
But now I see and my eyes are opened
Now I hear and my voice is still.
Ready I may - or may not - be,
Promises I have broken
and may yet break again.
But I cannot deny You access,
and I must accept the forgiveness you offer
This is my prayer
that I may accept You
and the love that your forgiveness holds,
cleansing me
for the journey that lies ahead,
a vision yet obscure.
Knowing that you will not let go
and that I will not be alone on the road
to your Kingdom.



Pray for leaders who carry the news of Christ to young people in other areas of the world and for the seeds of new work that they sow

DOMINATION *Luke 22:24-27*

It was on the football pitch, Lord,
I played to win
with all the energy I could muster.
You would have been proud of me,
to see how I ran
and how I shot for goal.
It was on the football pitch
I saw the other team,
smaller than me and not so fast.
But I looked at the ball and at the goal ahead
to win was all.
And I did not look in their eyes
- I dare not -
for I delighted in my success
and in my domination of the game.
And I did not see their faces.
or notice the effort expended
or see that equal desire to win
- just once?
And because of my pride
I did not take time to see the needs of others
and I was blinded by my own enthusiasm.
Lord, hold me back, a little,
that I take time to look around
to notice the needs of others
to realise that the world is not for me alone,
but for all your children, and
that we are all winners in your Kingdom.