

A Prayer As We Begin A New Church Year

Almighty God, as we begin a New Church Year, we ask Your blessings on our efforts to truly become Your children - to become more like Jesus. We know that we cannot possibly accomplish the personal change we need without Your help. We ask that Your Spirit, which we truly believe is within us, to inspire us to ever more desire the spiritual growth needed to be more like Jesus.

Help us Father, to truly believe that the meaning and purpose of this earthly life is to grow in our likeness of You as You manifested Yourself in the Person of Jesus, Your Son. Help us to make this the primary focus of our lives.

Help us Father, through Your Spirit, to know how we must change and give us the courage and strength to make the changes needed. Help us not to fool ourselves in thinking that we do not need to change.

Help us also, Father, to learn the lessons that life is designed to teach us. Help us to become people who know how to unconditionally love others and to desire to love others in this manner regardless of how they treat us. Help us to be true imitators of Jesus.

We offer this prayer to You, Father, as we begin this New Church Year. We ask Your blessings as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

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