

New Year's Greetings!



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Let me take this precious moment to thank our heavenly Father for allowing us to continue to be together. We count it an honor to see a year end and another comes simply because of the mercies of the Lord.

It's time for new beginnings! It's time for a fresh start! It's time to make some resolutions! These are often statements that are made by most people at the beginning of a new year, and we as Christians are not really all that different. Who wants to remain the same as before? Do we want to continue to grow in the Lord, as well as put off some of those things that have held us down for being all He wants us to be? Yet, we all struggle just a bit in our endeavor to move forward as failings and difficulties from the past may create a "drag" on our vision for the future. Without a doubt, the greatest goal any of us can have in this year ahead is to experience Christ in a greater way than we ever have before.

This past year has been filled with many challenges for many families within our community and throughout the whole world. Unfortunately, we are never afforded the "luxury" of picking and choosing what we go through. We all have difficulties we all experience in our lives that come as a result of many differing factors, yet we must believe this is one of the great things about experience, we learn from the past and become more resilient as a result.

We must look to this new year of 2024 with faith and determination that will bring us through in greater victory and strength than we ended this previous year with. Let me remind you of a very familiar passage of scripture to encourage you:

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Love more! Serve more! Give more! Just doing these three things alone will move us far along the road to happiness and contentment in the year ahead. We continue to appreciate your faithful prayers and support for all our ministries as we forge ahead in faith this year!

We must pray for our Nation and the entire World to experience a tremendous Revival! I pray that our thirst and hunger for the things of God will only intensify as the days, weeks, and months of this New Year come and go.

May God's presence never leave your hearts and to each new chapter of your life, may the Lord grant you His grace and strength. Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to us on earth. Happy New Year 2024

Omnia ad maiorem Dei gloriam (All for the greater glory of God)

Blessings in Christ.

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