



A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright,
 even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you
 when people and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
 for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

TRUTH *matters*

DECEMBER: THE TRUTH MATTERS... ABOUT LAST THINGS!

6th—Secret Sister Revealing

17th— Jan 2— Christmas Break

25th— Christmas Day

30th- 5th Sunday Sing

**AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND
 THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.**

JOHN 8: 32



As I stepped into the music-filled sanctuary, I looked around at the crowd that had gathered for a New Year's Eve party. Joy lifted my heart with hope, as I recalled the prayers of the previous year. Our congregation had collectively grieved over wayward children, deaths of loved ones, job losses, and broken relationships. But we'd also experienced God's grace as we recalled changed hearts and healed personal connections. We'd celebrated victories, weddings, graduations, and baptisms into God's family. We'd welcomed children born, adopted, or dedicated to the Lord, and more—so much more.

Reflecting over the history of trials our church family faced, much like Jeremiah remembered his "affliction" and his "misery" (Lam. 3:19), I believed that "*It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*" (v. 22). As the prophet reassured himself of God's past faithfulness, his words comforted me: "The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him." (v. 25).

That night, each person in our congregation represented a tangible expression of God's life-transforming love. Whatever we'd face in the years to come, as members of the interdependent body of Christ, we could rely on the Lord. And as we continue to seek Him and support one another, we can, as did Jeremiah, find our hope being ratified by faith-building memories of God's unchanging character and dependability.

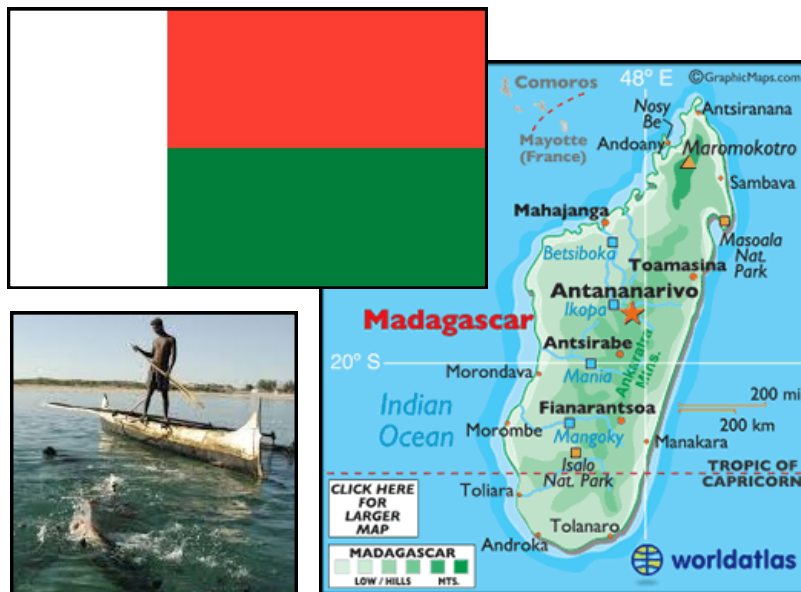
**LORD, THANK YOU FOR USING OUR PAST TO
 ASSURE US OUR HOPE REMAINS SECURE IN
 YOUR EVERLASTING FAITHFULNESS.**

As we look ahead to the new year, let's remember that God has always been and always will be faithful.

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NOW ALL THIS WAS DONE, THAT IT MIGHT
BE FULFILLED WHICH WAS SPOKEN OF THE
LORD BY THE PROPHET, SAYING, BEHOLD,
A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND
SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THEY
SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH
BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US.

MATTHEW 1: 22-23