

Heavenly Father, help us to start this New Year with only one resolution, and that is to walk closer with you and be a witness to your great love and healing touch that will bring peace to our world. Amen.

Monday 1st

The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Lord Jesus, the first and the last and the living one, you have brought us safely to the beginning of another year. We thank you for the past one; renew our courage to move forward in this one. Direct our ways, Lord. In your name, we ask this. Amen.

Tuesday 2nd

Helen Keller said: *“I thank God for my handicaps for through them, I have found myself, my work and my God.”*

Wednesday 3rd

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.”
Mother Theresa.

This week’s readings: Psalm 94, verse 19/ Job 33, verse 4 / 1 Thessalonians 5, verses 16-18

Thursday 4th

Corrie Ten Boom always said: *“If God sends us on rocky paths, He provides strong shoes.”*

Friday 5th

“Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure that there are no smiles available.” **Jim Beggs.**

Saturday 6th

The Epiphany

Best friends listed to what we don’t say.

Sunday 7th

Dearest Lord, fill or time with opportunities to do good. Help us this year to usher in a world which is sustainable and just and prompt us to bring about a more even distribution of the world’s riches. Amen.

Monday 8th

“You may not be able to go back and make a brand new start, but you can start today and make a brand new end!”

Tuesday 9th

Brother Lawrence did not see himself as a very important person. In fact, his main duty, apart from prayer, was mending other monk's sandals or kitchen duties. But he was pleased and content with his post, for *"in every condition by doing little things for the love of God."*

Wednesday 10th

Francis Gray wrote: *"Be always at war with your vices. Be at peace with your neighbour and let each new year find you a better person."*

This week's readings: Psalm 119, verse 165 / Numbers 6, verse 26 / Romans 5, verse 1

Thursday 11th

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." **Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

Friday 12th

Bad attitude is like a flat tyre, you won't get anywhere unless you change it.

Saturday 13th

Beethoven once said: *"I feel as if I have written no more than a few notes."* And he was right. There are only eight notes plus variations in the musical scale. But what made Beethoven so wonderful was the way he used the notes.

Sunday 14th

Loving God, the Magi were guided by the star to where the infant Jesus lay. Guide us by the light of your love to walk pathways of peaceful discovery and make journeys beyond the boundaries of our expectations.

Monday 15th

Do not judge by appearances – a rich heart may be under a poor coat.

Tuesday 16th

"We should leave time to stand and stare and smell the roses' scent and marvel at our wondrous world. Yes, that is time well spent." **Margaret Ingall.**

Wednesday 17th

The rule of nature is living for others. The sun does not keep its own heat, the trees their own fruit, the flowers their fragrance. All these things are given to benefit others. A rule worth keeping by us.

This week's readings: Psalm 107, verses 8 - 9 / Lamentations 3, verse 24 / 2 Corinthians 9, verse 7

Thursday 18th

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Faith is not about everything turning out OK; faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out.

Friday 19th

Quote from an eight year old's perspective: "*Happiness is like jam. If you try to spread it, even a little, you're going to get some on yourself.*" **Out of the mouths ...**

Saturday 20th

Russian proverb: "*Every day is a messenger from God.*" Let us not leave it neglected on the sideboard of our lives. Let us receive it as a letter from a friend and absorb each word holding it to our hearts.

Sunday 21st

Father, we thank you for those who have blazed a trail for us to follow. Show how we might stand on the shoulders of giants and glimpse a little more of your creation. **Amen.**

Monday 22nd

A native American saying: "*Let us walk softly on the earth with all living beings, great and small, remembering that as we go, one God, kind and wise, created all.*"

Tuesday 23rd

If you feel that a chapter of your life is reaching an end, think om this quote: "*it will be alright in the end and, if it's not alright, it's not the end.*" Perhaps it may be time to look forward to a new beginning and a fresh start.

Wednesday 24th

"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." **Maya Angelou.**

This week's readings: Psalm 111, verse 2 / Exodus 15, verse 2 / John 6, verse 47

Thursday 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul

"Be at peace with God, whatever you perceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul". **Max Ehrmann.**

Friday 26th

St. Timothy & St. Titus

"He that livest in hope danceth without music." **George Herbert.**

Saturday 27th

“All blessings are allotted, we just get what we need.

Enjoy what you’ve been given and life is rich indeed.” **Margaret Ingall.**

Sunday 28th

“All the blessings we enjoy are divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition – that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbours.” **John Calvin.**

Monday 29th

Sometimes it’s the old advice that works the best.

Tuesday 30th

You can never cross that ocean unless you have courage to lose sight of the shore.

Wednesday 31st

Lord, take away my fear of moving forward.

<p>Lord of my heart, be thou my wisdom. Be at the beginning of all I speak, of all that I begin, be thou my true word. Amen.</p>
