

Billy Graham's New Year Prayer in 2008 – most relevant for today!

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: *“Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end”* (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”* (Psalm 33:12a).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. *Amen.*

Welcome!

January 6, 2019



“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer in our homes

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid's Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

SERMON NOTES

AFTER CHRISTMAS, NOW WHAT?



Offering – There is an offering box as you enter the sanctuary on the right side just inside the door. Thank you for your giving faithfulness.

Sunday Evening Prayer – will take place in our homes during the winter. Let intercede for a real move of God.

Wednesday Bible Study – the Book of Romans and our children’s program. Come study God’s Word while your children enjoy learning together.

Promoting Our Church – please take a flyer on the table in the foyer and use it to promote our church. God bless our efforts!

Free For The Taking – in the basement next to the last room we have some items donated to the church. Please stop by and see what you might want and take it. We also have a crib, portable crib and stroller along with some other items for children in the foyer under the coat rack. If you can use any or know of someone who can, please take them.

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TEXT: Matthew 2:1-23

I _____ – verses 5, 15, 17, 23

God works His will despite the _____ of sinful people.

Micah 5:2; Hosea 11:1; Jeremiah 31:15; Isaiah 11:1; Ecclesiastes 1:9-11; Daniel 12:4; 2 Timothy 3:2-5 [NLT

To _____ God’s doing is to look at ourselves by _____ to God.

II _____ – Matthew 2:13-15

Passivity is the act of being passive, receiving, enduring, or _____ without _____.

_____ to God’s Word and will is our greatest _____ and defense against anything we will face in 2019.

Our _____ in Jesus becomes real faith that is a saving faith only when it is validated by _____. Matthew 7:21

All of us need a frame of _____ that is set to do the will of God, and that is _____ to carry out the instructions of the Scriptures.

“There are no _____ revelation, only _____ revelation.”

III _____

They made themselves a _____ of submission. Acts 17:24-28

All of us need a _____ mind that is set to do the will of God, and that is determined to carry out and implement His will and the _____ based on the Scriptures. 2 Corinthians 1:7

Those who _____ on the Scripture and obey and _____ it are protected by God. Matthew 5:3-19; 1 Timothy 1:17