

Holy and Awesome Lord God of Heaven,
We come before you in reverence and awe and gratitude,
acknowledging you as the master and creator of the universe,
as our master and creator, as our redeemer and friend.
May we bring praise and glory and honor to your name.

It is a new year, for us bringing a sense of opportunity
for a new start, a new life.
You, O God, give the ultimate gift of new life,
a chance to put failures and regrets behind us,
and new hope before us.

Since the time when we chose knowledge over life in the Garden,
we have been struggling with fear and hiding from you O Lord.
Please help us face this new year with courage,
learning to be fearless as we walk with you, in your love.

Help us experience the peace that passes understanding,
to find smiles and praise in every day,
as we live and share your good news,

Bless this church and those that serve it and you.
May our hearts always rejoice and sing because of your goodness.
May we always be your people, free and brave.