

Dear Friends,

At the end of our last Lovers of God conference call for 2008, I prayed, spontaneously, for our team. One of the team members transcribed the prayer from the recording of the call, and sent it out to the team. There was an overwhelming response, and many of them expressed a desire to share the prayer with friends and family. I felt that this was the Lord's heart too, as He had poured it out on us, and so we are sending it to you with our blessing for the New Year.

Pray it. Share it with your friends, paint it, sing it, dance it...

Have a splendid New Year
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and Lovers of God

New Year's Prayer

Father we thank You for all that You have done in us and through us this year.
Father I pray that the world will recognize that we are Your disciples because of how we love one another.
Lord, do that miracle in us.
Transform us and grant us to yield ourselves to You.
Prepare the soil of our hearts to respond to the work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives.
As we come to the close of this year, we thank you for everything You have done in the past year.
Lord I ask that You grant us so much grace for 2009 that we would pass the tests that we may not have passed in the past.
Father I pray that where we had an orphan spirit,
where we responded as an orphan,
where the thought patterns and reactions of an orphan heart influenced our behaviour,
that You would transform us in the coming year;
that You would bring us into fullness of son-ship in You, Lord.
May You come to find us trustworthy with the things that You are eagerly waiting to entrust to us.
Father I ask these things for the sake of the glory of Your kingdom.

Lord I pray that the things that held us back,
or where we have been in a holding pattern Lord,
that You would grant us to graduate.

Lord, come in the night season.
Father, release your angels to facilitate Your will.
Let the Holy Spirit come to us.
Come to us Father; do not leave us orphans.
Come to us, Lord, even in the night season, and do surgery on our minds,
on our hearts,
on our attitudes,
on our vision,
on how we see things.
Remove any lies from us.
So that we can just run with You.
Release us God!

Father I ask that You bring us this coming year into freedom in the Spirit,
into liberty in Jesus Christ.
Set us free from the inside out Lord.
Set us free from the fear of man and the man pleasing spirit.
Set us free from insecurity.
Set us free from fear of rejection.
Set us free from fear of failure.
Move us from fear to faith.
Father set us free from the spirit of individualism and independence
and set us free also from the spirit of dependence.
Rather, grant us the spirit according to how You are, as a Holy Triune God,
that interdependence
and honouring of one another
and preferring one another
and sharing and carrying each other's burdens.

Father I pray that You transform our hearing and seeing,
that we hear with no filters,
that we hear with no distortions,
that we see with no tainted glasses or tinted lenses on our eyes.
That we see each other the way You see us.
That we see the things around us the way You see them Father,
that we would see our circumstances from Your perspective.
Lord, the false perceptions
and false thinking
and destructive or unholy patterns of thinking,
Father, I ask that You tear them down
and build into us instead:
strongholds of truth
and strongholds of goodness and holiness
and peace and joy
and the fruit of the Spirit.
Father, I pray that You build Christ-likeness into us.
Form Christ in us Father, that we may be found faithful and trustworthy.

Lord I pray that You would be with us Your people in these troubled times.
I pray that You bless the marriages of those who are married.
For those who are not married, Lord, that You would bless them and that You would be their
husband and You would be their wife - that You would be their spouse.
Father I pray that You would become the Father to those among us who do not have fathers
and You would be a mother to those among us who do not have mothers
and, Lord, for those who are estranged from, or who have lost their families, that You would
give them the family of Your choosing.

Lord, I pray that You do miracles in the marriages and family relationships where there is
conflict and strain,
that this year You would bring back those who have been lost, Lord,
that those who have been lost to the enemy would come back.
Lord, I pray that You provide for all those who have thrown themselves upon You.
You are our source of provision.
Lord, I pray not for wealth or riches
but I pray for an abundance that we all have enough
and we all have enough for those who are in need around us.

Lord, let the word "need" become foreign to us because You provide and fulfill all our needs.

Lord, I pray that You would secure us so much in You that people's opinions would not matter anymore.

Father, I pray that You touch every area of woundedness, every area of hurt from the day of our conception, Lord, 'til now, that You bring complete and profound healing to any and every area that needs to be touched by You.

Lord, heal relationships and heal us of our own self image and other people's images. Father I pray that You would reach in and do a heart transplant in each one of us.

Lord where there was strain before that there would be peace, where there was sadness that there would be joy.

Lord I pray that You would restore the years that the locusts, and that the enemy have eaten, that You restore the things that have been lost and stolen by the enemy and his schemes. Lord I pray for divine resources to come and divine connections.

I ask Lord that You break the lies that we have believed about one another and that You grant us the discernment and sensitivity to recognize each other according to the Spirit. Lord, make us ready to build together Your kingdom and to do the things You have called us to.

Lord, I pray that where there was hurt, broken trust, tension and dissension before in relationships amongst your people, now there would be healing, trust, easiness, unity and favour.

Lord that there would be so much favour and so much ease among your people.

Let your oil run between us to smooth away strain.

Let there be gentleness and loving kindness.

Lord, replace any tensions of the past with understanding and kindness.

Lord I ask that Your blessing would be upon us, Your people;

Lord that there would be a harmony of the Holy Spirit and unity of the Holy Spirit, a "one accord-ness" that no human being can generate, only the work of Your Holy Spirit.

Lord we ask that You grant us the mind of Christ, that we would just do things that are outrageous and unpredictable, however that it is 100% You.

Lord give us faith to walk on the water of the unknown,

Lord to do those "greater things" those "exploits" to be strong because we are a people that know You.

Lord I ask above all that on the inside we would be stable and secure, established firmly in love.

Lord I ask that you just root us in Your selfless love, in Your agape love, that nothing would shake us--whether world crisis or personal crisis.

That nothing would shake us.

That we would be founded on the rock.

Lord let us build this house on the rock, on the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Father I pray that You would come and meet personally with each one of Your people.

That they would have this blessing of seeing You face-to-face, in their bedrooms, in their rooms, in their homes, at work, at the bus stop, in visions and in dreams, that You would become our true friend,

that we would be waiting for a date with You in our dreams and in our waking life.

Replace our fears with a holy boldness and a holy courage.

Replace our fears God.

Let us be as bold as lions.

Let us be like Daniel who loved You and because of that he did great and mighty things.

Lord let us become the answers to our prayers and the answer to Your prayers.

Father let this happen for the sake of Your loving kindness.

Let Your tender mercies cover us, Father, these coming years.

Let there be a testimony that there are a people that are truly in love with God in our generation.

I pray, Father, that You would find a people here in our generation who have truly come to lay their head upon Your chest.

In Jesus' name I pray this.