

## Prayer for a New Season

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*Set up a small table with the community candle, a cluster of grapes, a sprig of mistletoe or evergreen (symbols of the new year), and a few extra candles to symbolize that light has conquered the darkness.*

Leader: *The Lord makes all things new. Let us praise him!  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!*

All: *Amen, Alleluia!*

### Opening Prayer

Leader: *God of light, by whose Spirit all things are made new,  
we praise you for the gift of life, for the blessing of a new season,  
for the mercy that makes each day a fresh start.*

All: *Grant us the strength to walk in your light,  
the grace to experience your presence with us,  
and the hope that comes from being made new in Christ.  
In His name we pray, Amen.*

### Word of God: Revelation 21:3-5

Reader: Now the dwelling of God is with people, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

### Reflection

Reader: God promised to make all things new again. It's a constant promise made by God, from the lips of Isaiah to the triumphant cry of Christ risen from the dead: "Behold, I make all things new." The ability to make things new again, even better than the original creation, is a prerogative of God. God Himself is ever new—He never ages for He is eternal. Moreover, because He is infinite, we will never cease seeing new insights of his beauty and magnificence; for all eternity we will never be bored.

When we say that God is immutable, unchanging, this is not to say that He lacks life, but rather, that He is so alive that He does not lose any of his perfection, but is always new. [So too with the Church, and] with each one of us, her members...We have God's divine life within us. We walk in newness of life...destined to sing a new song of praise to God forevermore.

Fr. McLean Cummings ([http://preciouslifemissions.org/cummings/all\\_things\\_new.htm](http://preciouslifemissions.org/cummings/all_things_new.htm))

### **Intercessions:**

Leader: *We trust in God, who makes all things new. Let us lift up to him our prayers, saying:*

All: ***Lord, you make all things new.***

Leader: *For those who feel they are out of second chances, fill them with hope in you.*

All: ***Lord, you make all things new.***

Leader: *For those who are broken and seeking the truth, guide them to the fullness of faith in you.*

All: ***Lord, you make all things new.***

Leader: *For children, parents, and schools, keep them always in the care of your redeeming love.*

All: ***Lord, you make all things new.***

Personal intentions

**Our Father...**

### **Blessing:**

Leader: May God—Father, Son, and Spirit—bless us with renewed energy and hope as we begin a new