

A New Year Prayer Walk

Distance: Your Choice — Time: Your Choice

January is often thought of as a month of new resolutions — a time of new beginnings. After the difficulty of 2020 we all hope and pray for a better 2021. This month we invite you, as you walk, to reflect on your hopes for the coming year: both personal, for our local community and beyond.

As you walk you might like to pray too for our church, our schools, our health workers, business owners and local residents: that they will know God's blessing and love this year.

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God of new beginnings, inspire us and guide us as we step into the new year filled with hope. Yet also with not a little anxiety about how things may have changed, perhaps about how we may have changed.

Help us to treat one another with kindness as we emerge and grow into a new way of being. Help us Lord to deepen our relationship with You and with one another.

The road ahead is unknown but we trust and know that you walk alongside us, encouraging us each new day.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

As you walk you might like to reflect on these questions:

What are your hopes for this year?

For yourself

For your friends and family

For our church

For the community of Haxby and Wigginton

For our country

For our world

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand — John 14:27

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope — Romans 15:13

You might like to pray for the following:

- For our church as we seek to embody all that it means to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.
- For our schools – pupils, and staff as the new school term begins.
- For the health workers and care workers as they work through the winter months
- For shops and businesses as they begin the new year with uncertainty.
- For all who live in our community

*In all that we are, in all that we do,
Lord we pray
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Amen*

The Methodist Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,

rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing,

put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you,

or laid aside for you,

exalted for you,

or brought low for you;

let me be full,

let me be empty,

let me have all things,

let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven.