

Prayer for a New Year

Pam O God of this new year that stretches before me,
 "teach me the secrets of wisdom.
 Purify me with hyssop until I am clean;
 wash me until I am whiter than snow."

Father O God of this new year that beckons to me,
 "create a clean heart in me,
 put into me a new and constant spirit."

Kent O God of this new year that holds out hope to me,
 "be my savior again, renew my joy,
 keep my spirit steady and willing."

Je. Michelle O God of this new year that gives me another chance,
 "in your great tenderness wipe away my faults;
 wash me clean of my guilt
 purify me from my sin,
 For I am well aware of my faults."
 Instill some joy and gladness into me.

Psalm 51:6-7, 10, 12, 1-3

ALL. Loving God, it is time to turn again to you. It is time to realize anew that I am not totally self-reliant. This is a moment full of grace that invites me to lift up my spirit to you, the one who gives freshness, the one who moves across my heart like a new snowfall and erases all the drab, brown memories of a year gone by.

Come to meet me, God of life, reach into the mystery of my self. Take me into the heart of this year and give me the confidence to journey freely, lovingly, with risk, wonder and laughter. Amen.