

# **A Prayer for the Coming New Year**

O Lord our God, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Creator of time, yet existing before time and outside of time; You are the same yesterday, today and forever. You are the absolute Ruler who exercises sovereign authority over the entire universe and its laws.

We ask You humbly, our Savior, as we enter this Civil New Year of our salvation, to bless us all; to bless our endeavors, and everything we do.

We ask You, O Lord, to bless the time You have given us, that we may pass this new year of Your grace in repentance, forgiveness, patience, tolerance, peace, the fight against our passions, the practicing of the virtues, in doing Your Holy Will, not ours, and in accepting it cheerfully, without groaning or complaint.

Grant us, O Father Almighty, sincere faithfulness, wakeful preparedness, and active witness, to be strong and grow in faith and love for You, and work diligently for the establishment of Your Kingdom, a Kingdom of peace and justice. Instill in us the longing for Your heavenly Kingdom that is to come: a Kingdom of everlasting life, peace, and joy.

We also pray You, O Lord, to bless the entire world, and all the Nations. Guide them to You, that they may come to know You, the only true God, and to do Your Holy Will.

And protect, O Lord, Your Holy Church, so that with one voice and one heart we may all praise and glorify Your most Holy and magnificent Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.