

## Liturgy for Reflecting on One Year **and Preparing for the Next**

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Author of my days  
Thank you that you  
Have ordained each moment  
Of this year  
And even when  
I wasn't aware of it  
You were writing your  
Divine purpose  
Into every season

As I reflect on the year that's passed  
Open my eyes to see how  
Your hand was at work  
In every situation  
That my heart might respond  
In worship to you, God  
For in every victory  
And in every loss  
You are worthy of praise,  
You who make all things beautiful  
In your time

Remind me of your faithfulness  
Show me your mercy  
Reveal to me your kindness  
That I might recognize  
Your fingerprints on my life  
And your sovereignty over  
All my days  
If there is unconfessed sin  
Or bitterness in my heart  
Would you show me  
Gentle Christ,  
That I might be free of  
The fetters of my past failures  
And move forward in your  
forgiveness

Holy Spirit, as I prepare  
For the year ahead  
Would you grant me  
Discernment and wisdom  
So that every plan  
I make  
And every idea  
I dream up  
Would be led by you  
And rooted securely in my  
Identity in Christ  
Never striving to make a  
Name for myself  
But only seeking to  
Glorify your own

May this time of reflection  
And preparation  
Draw me ever nearer to you  
As I surrender  
Both past, present, and future  
To your loving care  
Knowing that I can trust you  
For even if plans fail  
And things change  
I can find confidence in you  
Oh Unchanging Father,  
My one constant  
My living hope  
The same yesterday, today,  
And forever

**Amen.**