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New Year's blessing 2022

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As we come to the end of 2021, I imagine, if you're like me, you're only too glad to see it in the rearview mirror. It was a difficult year followed on another difficult year. It's been a long time in this pandemic. And now, we're coming to a new year—a new year when we might make all kinds of resolutions.

But we do know that there's work from the previous year that will need to be carried on to 2022. Work that God has given us to do: to make sure that all are fed; to make sure that the world is a place of peace and of equity for all people; to make sure that the creation is cared for.

As we enter into 2022 and into this venture in which God is calling us, I offer this prayer: God, we turn to you at year's end with these prayers: for children to be safe, for peace to reign and for hunger to be satisfied. We trust your wisdom and your word, for you are endless love.

Happy New Year, dear church!