

Place in This World
Evening Prayer

Opening: Song *Thy Word* -Amy Grant

Reading: Isiaiah 43:18-21

The Road of Life (May I Have This Dance, Joyce Rupp, pg.25)

Song: *Joy in the Journey* -Michael Card

May our inner vision be transformed so that we can see more clearly our own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, and bondedness.

May our God be someone we can lean on in our weak or painful moments. May we know God as our rock, our shelter, our strength, our wing of comfort and support.

May we be aware of all the places our feet carry us in the new year. May we know “How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news”.

May we not be afraid of the questions that press upon us mind and heart. May we welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when we will have their answers.

May we be the ones with welcome in our smiles and hellos etched upon our hands, the hands we extend to everyone who blesses us with presence.

May ours be the gifts of reverence for all created things. May we face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth.

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within us until we can taste the tears of our brothers and sisters.

May we awake each morning with thank you on our lips and in our hearts, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing.

May our friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as we struggle to find our way during this year.

May our spirits be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for us. May our prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for us.

May our lives this year be a living legacy to our God.