



A Prayer for the New Millennium

**God of mercy and love,
at the dawn of the new millennium my heart and mind to you I
turn
in loving gratitude, in joyful praise and in humble adoration
for the gift of Jesus, your Son, you sent to me,
for the spirit of life you instilled in me,
for the gift of love I receive and give,
for the brothers and sisters all over the world,
for the black and the white, for the old and the young,
for the rich and the poor,
for the joys and the sorrows that enrich my life,
for the whole of creation, a precious gift to cherish and love.**

**O my God, loving and compassionate,
at the dawn of the new millennium
open my heart and the hearts of all to the new dimensions
of the coming era.**

**Open my heart, O Lord, to a new dimension
of prayer and faith, of love and peace,
of reconciliation and universal brotherhood,
of joyful forgiveness for the wounds, great and small,
past and present, inflicted and received,
of loving respect for the whole of creation.**

**Lord, God of mercy and love,
may I dare to ask you as my brother Francis did:
"Make me an instrument of your peace"!**

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