**2019**

**New Year**

**To Seek Your Guidance**

**O Lord**

*Strengthen the quality of our character, the firmness of our faith, and the helpfulness of our hearts, hands and humor;*

*Strengthen the grip on our neighbor’s hand and let ours never be empty;*

*Renew our inward calling and rekindle the grit and perseverance for ministry.*

*Together may we listen to the needs, hopes and dreams of others;*

*Joyfully take on responsibility mixed with the courage of accountability;*

*Practice profound gratefulness and forgiveness;*

*Put on the cloak of tenaciousness;*

*Trust our place in life as an opportunity to minister with fierce tenderness, and the love that you have taught us gracious God.*

*And again this year, may we strive to more fully place our lives in your hands*

*Our Courteous Lord.*

*God of mercy and love*

*Hear our prayers*

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