



## **A Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord,

This past year has been hard

We have been stretched and shaped in ways

That still we struggle to comprehend

How vast the miles are between all those we know and love

Yet you are near, always

Our hearts are heavy as we grieve

Soften and nurture us, Lord to continue to reflect your love

Help us mirror a little more of what your world should be

As we begin this new year with anticipation

Of better things

For the time when the sun of righteousness

Will rise with healing in his wings.

Amen