

## ***The Methodist Covenant Prayer***

*I am no longer my own but yours.*

*Put me to what you will,*

*rank me with whom you will;*

*put me to doing,*

*put me to suffering;*

*let me be employed for you,*

*or laid aside for you,*

*exalted for you,*

*or brought low for you;*

*let me be full,*

*let me be empty,*

*let me have all things,*

*let me have nothing;*

*I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things*

*to your pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, glorious and blessed God,*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

*you are mine and I am yours. So be it.*

*And the covenant now made on earth,*

*let it be ratified in heaven.*



## **A New Year Prayer Walk**

Distance: Your Choice — Time: Your Choice

January is often thought of as a month of new resolutions — a time of new beginnings. After the difficulty of 2020 we all hope and pray for a better 2021. This month we invite you, as you walk, to reflect on your hopes for the coming year: both personal, for our local community and beyond.

As you walk you might like to pray too for our church, our schools, our health workers, business owners and local residents: that they will know God's blessing and love this year.

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### ***A New Year Prayer***

*God of new beginnings, inspire us and guide us as we step into the new year filled with hope. Yet also with not a little anxiety about how things may have changed, perhaps about how we may have changed.*

*Help us to treat one another with kindness as we emerge and grow into a new way of being. Help us Lord to deepen our relationship with You and with one another.*

*The road ahead is unknown but we trust and know that you walk alongside us, encouraging us each new day.*

*In Jesus name we pray.*

*Amen*

As you walk you might like to reflect on these questions:

What are your hopes for this year?

For yourself

For your friends and family

For our church

For the community of Haxby and Wigginton

For our country

For our world

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*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand — John 14:27*

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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope — Romans 15:13*

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You might like to pray for the following:

- For our church as we seek to embody all that it means to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.
- For our schools – pupils, and staff as the new school term begins.
- For the health workers and care workers as they work through the winter months
- For shops and businesses as they begin the new year with uncertainty.
- For all who live in our community

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*In all that we are, in all that we do,  
Lord we pray  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.  
Amen*

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