

GOD OF ALL GRACE, GREATNESS AND GOODNESS

*"You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance."*

Psalm 65:11

REFLECTION

How has 2021 been for you? Whether the past year brought strain and struggle or success and joy, Psalm 65:11 is a good reminder to us that we can expect this New Year 2022 to be one in which God will encircle and encompass us with His grace, greatness and goodness. In fact, Psalm 65 is a song of thanksgiving encouraging us to start the New Year on the right note because we worship a God who is sovereign over all.

We shall cross over the threshold into 2022 with faith and hope because we have a praiseworthy God who answers prayer, pardons sin and provides access to all without partiality (v1-4). Not only is God personally involved in our lives, He is also an all-encompassing God who seeks to create universal peace and hope in the political and international arena as well (v5-8). The God who is for us and dwells in us seeks to provide for us aplenty (v9-13) materially and spiritually, so much so that we may respond to His generosity with shouts of praise. So, go ahead and take the time to read through Psalm 65 and reflect on it. Find reasons and basis to give thanks to God and also take note of promises and assurance that you can cling on.

As we kickstart a new year, we bade farewell to 2021, surrendering to God our frustrations and fears. With full confidence we shall look forward in faith and hope to a brand new year crowned with His unceasing grace, greatness and goodness.

PRAYER

Father God, You crown the year with Your unmerited goodness. You envelope us with Your grace. Thank You for the hope we have in You for this new beginning. We look forward to the New Year knowing that Your favour will continue to be upon us as we continue to trust in You and walk in Your ways. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Pray for those who have struggled and strained in the past year that they may find success and joy in the Lord. Pray for those who are needy in the church and community to find pastoral, practical and prayer help. Pray for the birthing of spiritual friendships, a network of helping agencies to assist those with financial difficulty, an activation of helping hands and loving hearts reaching out to the heartlanders and the neighbourhood.
- Pray for the least, the last and the lost to experience the grace and goodness of God. Pray for churches to reach out with the Good News of the Gospel to their pre-believing friends and families. Pray for powerful witnessing and open doors for testimonies to touch hearts. Pray for a year of great potential to bring many to know and love God with their heart, soul, mind and strength.
- Pray for countries in our world experiencing turmoil and for the citizens dealing with difficult times. Pray for world leaders to have a heart for the needs of the people and who will work hard to lift up the welfare of their citizens
- Pray that nations will learn to live in peace with other nations, and that no one nation should bully a weaker one. Pray for peace and good sense to prevail in the contested regions of the world, including South China Sea, Eastern Europe and Africa.
- Thank God that 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the ACS clock tower story which brought about a revival among some students and church members. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us again.

"God specializes in giving people a fresh start."

Rick Warren

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