

NEW YEAR – NEW BEGINNING

Because we are entering a new year, I want to do my study this week on New beginnings. The fresh calendar year can bring hope for things to be better & for much needed healing!

What does the Bible say about new beginnings? Scripture is filled with prayers of men & women who reached out to God for a fresh start. The Bible offers advice & encouragement for beginning a new chapter by providing strength & support in the Word of God.

The first one that comes to mind is when we are saved. There is no bigger new beginning than that. We clean our slate and start new and get closer to God, with Him in our hearts and ready to apply His word. Our relationship with God can be restored by honoring Him.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." [Eph. 1:7](#)

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." [Acts 3:19](#)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." [2 Cor. 5:17](#)

"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." [Rev. 21:5](#)

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." [Lam. 3:22-23](#)

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." [Jer. 29:11](#)

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them..." [Ez. 11:19](#)

"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance." [Ps. 65:11](#)

Prayer

God, Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, & through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Help us to keep our focus first on you this season. Please forgive us for giving too much time & attention to other things, for looking to other people before coming to you first. Thank you that you came to give new life, peace, hope, and joy. Thank you that your power is made perfect in our weakness.

Help us to remember that the gift of Christ, Immanuel, is our greatest treasure, not just at Christmas, but for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy & the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts & minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration & in seasons of brokenness, you are still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, & we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today & keep you first in our hearts & lives. Without you we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support & encouragement as we have moved through another ambitious year.

During this season, we have used this as a time of reflection for ourselves and our ministry purpose & it has resulted in many Godly things for us as far as outreach Support & growth. Our new recent video messages (Carmelo Cuascut YouTube videos), that we have been able to share with our "Fellowship Group" as well as beyond the four walls, which is the foundation of this Ministry to share the gospel of Jesus Christ -

"Taking Jesus to the Streets"

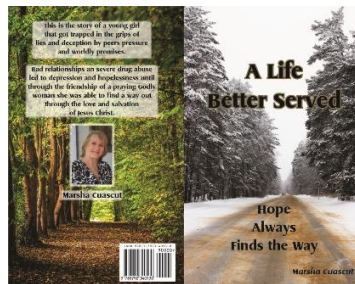
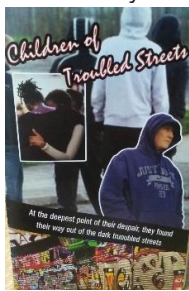
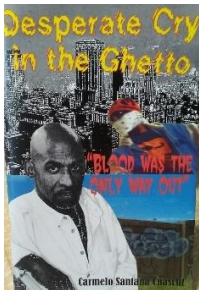
- Marsha's book, "A life Better Served" has been distributed to several women's shelters & we continue to pray for those most in need of this testimonial message.
- Carmelo's books, "Desperate Cry in the Ghetto" and "Children of Troubled Streets" continue to be distributed to those in need of his testimony.

The ministry will continue with our International monthly support of:

- Pastor Peter & Helen, India, Dawn Ministry
- Compassion Int. Indonesia, Yosean & Awin
- Joyce Meyer, Outreaches

Local Quarterly Support:

- Pastor Hopewell, Lake county feeding Ministry, & support for our own ministry food pantry,
- Street Gideon Ministries, book ministry "Fellowship group" outreaches, as decided by the ministers.



Thank you again for your prayers and support of 'Taking Jesus to the Streets' We appreciate all you do to help us carry our cross!

We meet every 2 weeks and all are welcome!

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