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Visions & Hopes for the New Year - 2017

*“Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,
so that a herald can easily read it, since the vision will stand as a witness,
it gives faithful testimony about a time that will come.
If it is slow in coming, wait for it, for come it will.”*

— Habakkuk 2:2-3

Looking Back:

This past year, I am most grateful for:

The things I wish to leave behind:

Looking Forward

My hopes for the year ahead:

The question I wish to reflect on for the year:

Two things I will do to simplify my life:

My two top priorities for the year:

Prayer for the New Year

In the year ahead,
God of New Beginnings,
Stretch our souls and move us
Into new awareness
Of the human family,
Their needs and their longings.

Make these into
Our needs and our longings
So we move more confidently
From our small selves
To a deeper sense of community
Where our resolutions reflect
Our interdependence.

Help us recognize the
Possibilities you have offered
To us as a people,
So we can commit to practice
The Hope that happens
When we gather gratefully
In your Name, we hold up to you
This fragile, precious world.

Grant us all the grace
In this year ahead
To sow the seeds of justice
And to gather peace in our day.
Amen.

— Jane Deren, Ph.D.



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