

To do these things now

🕊 As we begin the new year we thank You, O God, for the privilege of greeting it; and we pray for the guidance to live it fully.

Help us, during the coming year, to do all the fine things which we meant to do “some day,” but which we have postponed and neglected.

If we have been waiting to show someone a kindness, to speak a kind word, to make an overdue visit—let us do these things now.

If we have been waiting to perform an act of charity, to discharge a duty, to assume a responsibility—let us do these things now.

If we have been waiting to uproot a debasing habit, to set aside a festering hatred, to discipline and take charge of our lives—let us do these things now.

Your years, O God, have no measure; but You have set a limit to our days upon earth. So help us to treasure each precious moment. Help us to proceed with all haste to do now—this day, this week, this year, all the things which will make the new year a year of achievement, growth, and blessing.