

## To face the future



We look to the future with hope—yet with trembling,  
Knowing that uncertainties accompany the new year.

*Help us, O God, to look forward with faith,  
And to learn from whatever the future may bring.*

If we must face disappointment,  
Help us to learn patience.

*If we must face sorrow,  
Help us to learn sympathy.*

If we must face pain,  
Help us to learn strength.

*If we must face danger,  
Help us to learn courage.*

If we must face failure,  
Help us to learn endurance.

*If we achieve success,  
Help us to learn gratitude.*

If we attain prosperity,  
Help us to learn generosity.

*If we win praise,  
Help us to learn humility.*

If we are blessed with joy,  
Help us to learn sharing.

*If we are blessed with health,  
Help us to learn caring.*

Whatever the new year may bring,  
May we confront it honorably and faithfully.

*May we know the serenity which comes to those  
Who find their strength and hope in the Lord.*