

## A New Beginning

As we step into the new year, we are reminded of the promise of fresh beginnings. In the book of Lamentations 3:22-23, it is written, *"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."*

These verses remind us that God's love and compassion are renewed with each dawn. Just as each day offers us a clean slate, so does each new year. God's faithfulness remains unchanging, a steady anchor in our lives.

As we contemplate the year ahead, let us reflect on these simple principles:

- **Renew Your Commitment:** Just as the new year marks a fresh start, it's an opportunity to renew our commitment to God. Consider how you can strengthen your faith and relationship with Him in the coming year.
- **Seek Divine Guidance:** In all your plans and decisions for the year, remember to seek God's guidance through prayer. Trust that He will lead you in the right direction.
- **Embrace Change:** Change can be daunting, but it can also lead to growth. Be open to the changes that come your way, for they may hold valuable lessons and blessings.

As we step forward into the new year, let us do so with gratitude for God's unwavering love. May this year be a time of spiritual growth, deeper faith, and abundant blessings.

Let us pray for His guidance and trust in His faithfulness. Each day and each year is a gift from God, and He is with us every step of the way.

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## **Weekly Prayer Points**

***Philippians 3:13-14:*** *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

In line with the CBC theme verses for 2023-24 printed above, pray that God will help us forget whatever needs to be left behind in 2023 and that He will enable each CBC Region, congregation, and member to press on toward the goals of knowing Jesus and making Him known in the New Year!

### **Please pray for these congregations and pastors.**

- Shalom Geita Congregation in Tanzania, with Pastor Fabian Ayubu Wirtiro
- Samaria Congregation in Tanzania, with Pastor Jeram Masalim Alfluers

**CBC Prayer Committee**