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A New Year's Prayer

One more milestone, Lord, I've turned,
One more year today is done.
One more vial of wrath I've earned
Ere my course on earth I've run.

Looking backward through the years,
Scanning now the sands of time,
Would I could with bitter tears
Wash away my guilt and crime.

Tow'ring high and ever high'r,
Peak on peak my sins I see;
But Thy hot, consuming fire
Hath not wreaked Thy wrath on me.

Amen.

One more year I now begin
In Thy name, O gracious Lord,
And I pray Thee, keep from sin
Every thought and deed and word.

Lead me through temptation's storm;
Keep my feet from every snare;
Keep my soul from mortal harm;
My salvation make Thy care.

Should death take me from this life
Ere another year has come,
May I, free from earthly strife,
Share with Thee the heavenly home.

The New Year

Christians know from the Bible that nothing happens by accident, but that the Lord rules all things, that even their heartaches, sorrows, and failures are under the controlling and correcting rule of Him who loves us.

We put our trust in the Lord Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Without His will nothing can happen. Through Him we have peace with God, perfect righteousness, and eternal life. He is our Refuge and Shield, our Leader who guides us safely through life and death to glory. In Him we rejoice and face the future unafraid. With Him at our side even death must lose its terrors. Jesus tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am,

there ye may be also." John 14:1-3. The Psalmist also assures us: "The Lord knoweth them that are His." Ps. 91. This should be our comfort in all conditions of life and at all times. His knowing is one of love. He overlooks none of His sheep. He is the good Shepherd, who rules the universe and guides His sheep. All things are in His hands. No evil can come to us without His knowledge and correcting rule. All things must work together for our good. The Psalmist tells us: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Ps. 91:1.

May we become better Christians in the new year and increase in the knowledge of Christ, for this knowledge is the foundation of all Christian character; it promotes the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, a growing sensitiveness to sin, and a larger and more sincere service of God and our fellow men.

Without the help of Jesus we must ul-

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timately fail hopelessly in life, even if we meet with temporary earthly success. Our eternal success, however, is assured with Jesus, even if in this life we meet with many reverses and misfortunes.

O. C. S.

Our Work in St. Louis

In November the writer held a meeting with Holy Cross Congregation in St. Louis for the purpose of calling a pastor. The St. Louis field has been divided, and Pastor N. P. Uhlig has moved to Jacksonville, Ill., to work chiefly in Central Illinois. May the Lord be with him and continue to bless his work. Jointly with the Board of Missions the St. Louis congregation is extending a call to Pastor E. Eichmann of Trinity Church, Portland, Oreg. For about nineteen years Pastor Eichman ministered to

the deaf in the Portland field and therefore has had considerable experience and thus is well equipped to take over the St. Louis field. And not only that, but he is well fitted also to take over the work at our St. Louis Seminary, preparing young men for the blessed, soul-saving work among the deaf. May our great need for workers among the deaf urge him to accept the call unto the glory of our Savior's name among the deaf. During the vacancy Mr. F. Gyle is vacancy vicar, while the writer is vacancy pastor.

While in St. Louis we visited the sign classes, and we were very favorably impressed. There are two classes: an advanced class of nine, including Mr. F. Gyle, who is leading the classes for the time being, and then a beginners' class of eleven. These classes put in two hours every week in class work. Then

they also do field work. Every Saturday two members of the advanced class go to the City Sanitarium to minister to deaf and deaf-blind patients. We accompanied them on Saturday, and it filled our heart with joy to see these two young men so eagerly trying to bring the Gospel to these deaf and deaf-blind. These two also go out regularly taking care of several preaching stations during the vacancy. They also intend to do some canvassing in St. Louis. A large number of other students work with hearing patients.

On Sunday morning we visited the Sunday school for orally taught children of the Gallaudet school. Two members of the beginners' class are teaching them. We admired their patience. In the afternoon we went with another student who was to preach to our colored group, the writer taking care of the order of service. This young man had put in only 9½ hours in class work and then studied some privately, and we surely were pleased with his signing.

These classes also twice have visited the Gallaudet school. Principal Grace lectured to them on the History of the Education of the Deaf. They have a standing invitation to visit classes. And Principal Lane of the Central Institute of the Deaf also has invited the classes to visit the school. Thus these young men have an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the work. We thank the Lord for creating such a lively interest in their hearts for the Lord's work among the deaf. May our Lord Jesus bless them in all their efforts and make them willing to serve in this blessed work also upon graduation, either as full-time or part-time workers. J. L. S.

Sign Language for World

London (Reuters).—A systematic sign language for international use was advocated by Sir Richard Paget, fellow of the London Physics Society, in an address to the Anthropological Institute here.

Sir Richard, who quotes linguistics and sign language among his "recreations" in the British *Who's Who*, asserted that abstract ideas could easily be conveyed in signs, adding that it was easier to remember signs than words. *The Minnesota Companion*

Studies in Luther's Catechism

THE THIRD PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER *"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as It Is in Heaven"*

So often people pray, "Thy will be done," and then grumble and complain because things do not go their way. So many times people do not know what they are asking for in this prayer. They say it thoughtlessly. And so often we have done it and still do it. Therefore let us study this little prayer and learn to pray it in spirit and in truth.

We Pray These Words to Our Heavenly Father

Our heavenly Father's will, or wish, should be done. And it is a good and kind wish. A father wants only good things for his children; so, above all, our heavenly Father wishes only the best things for His children. Though children have not earned or deserved anything from their parents, nevertheless a father is kind and gracious to them and does not expect any pay from them for his goodness and kindness. So, although we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment, our heavenly Father is good and kind and merciful. Boldly and without fear we therefore pray: "Thy will be done," knowing that it is a good and gracious will.

The Father's Will Is Our Everlasting Salvation

Paul writes 1 Timothy 2:4: God "will (wishes) have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." And Peter tells us: God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3:9. God wants the salvation of all, also your and my salvation. His good and gracious will we see in this, that He sent His only Son into that bitter suffering and death for us and our sins. Furthermore, we see it also in this, that He gave us the word of salvation. His name should be hallowed; He wants His Word to be taught in all truth and purity. He wants His kingdom to come, and therefore sends His Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of men, to kindle faith in their hearts and to lead them upon a holy and God-pleasing way. O the good and gracious will of our heavenly Father! He wants to save us, and everything that happens in our life, even

though it be pain and suffering, sickness and sorrow, it is all for our everlasting good. Joyfully we therefore can pray: "Thy will, not mine, be done."

Always Trust in This Good and Gracious Father

Place everything into His hands. Let Him guide you all the days of your life. He wants to lead you to the heavenly home to be forever with Him. Let this be your daily song:

I leave all things to God's direction . . .
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me. Amen.

J. L. S.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Minneapolis Mission. — November 22 our Lord Jesus took to Himself in heaven another member of Grace Church, the Mr. John Stauber. He was confirmed by Pastor Salvner in 1913 and since then had been a faithful member and worker in our church. He loved his church and did much for it. He had been ailing for more than a year and in October was taken to General Hospital, where he passed away in Jesus on Thanksgiving Day. Both pastors visited him during his illness, and it was a joy to do so. Attentively he watched when we spoke to him of the Savior Jesus and nodded assent. One day when we signed the hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary," he joined us in signing it, although he was weak and we had not asked him to do so. Thereupon he signed, "Thank you so much." He was buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery on Saturday, November 24, his birthday, the writer officiating. For many years he worked for the city, retired on pension two years ago, and out of the pension fund he remembered his church with about \$125. Four sisters and one brother survive him. He would have been 67 years old November 24. May our Lord Jesus comfort his brother and sisters with the glorious hope of the resurrection! "If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thess. 4:14. J. L. S.

Mission for Blind and Deaf. — Among the deaf whom we serve regularly there are 31 institutional communicants and 9 deaf-blind; the latter are served privately.

Recent letters from our readers tell us:

"Please mail monthly to me copies of the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*. I want the magazine, for it has been highly recommended to me by your present readers. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I remain, very truly yours, A. R." (North Carolina.)

"Have been a reader of the *Lutheran Messenger* for a long time now and enjoy it so much. Many, many thanks for each and every copy! May they continue to come each month to my home." (Oregon.)

"The other day I received the *Lutheran Messenger for the Blind*, for which let me extend to you my very

sincere thanks. I like the magazine very much, especially the hymns which are found in the supplement. I have a piano and so can learn these beautiful hymns." (Nebraska.) O. C. S.

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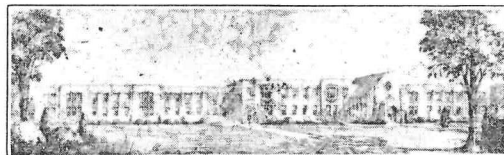
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