

L: God of beginnings, at the dawn of the new year we bring the year 2021 before you. 2020 was no easy journey but we pray that in 2021 your presence, power and purpose will reign supreme.

**C: We your people trust in you for guidance as we continue on this journey.**

L: God of healing, we bring before you the hurts and injuries of the past year. We rest them at your feet Lord, as we prepare to go unburdened into the future. We pray for those who have hurt us in one way or another. We pray also for those whom we have hurt through our thoughtless words and actions.

**C: May your love bring healing to broken relationships and families.**

L: God of wisdom, we bring the leaders of our nation before you. May they seek your guidance like the Wise Men and allow You to direct them as they make the decisions that determine our fate. We pray for the leaders of the Church; may they be obedient to your word and lead the Church according to your will. Especially as we meet for our District Conference 2021, give us the knowledge and wisdom to do your will.

**C: Help us to hold our leaders accountable and support them as they seek to lead us aright.**

L: God of family, you bless your people with children and young people to renew the world. We pray for those who would have been denied the opportunities and resources that they needed in 2020. We pray that 2021 will be a year of overflowing bounty. We pray for teachers and all others who lead and work with children and youth that they will be blessed.

**C: May we provide the example of good living that will direct our children and youth in the best way and provide for their needs**.

L: God of mercy, we bring before you those that are in mourning, sick, shut-in, lonely or in need of any kind. 2020 was a year that exposed many of our flaws and exposed many to a lack that they had never experienced before. For those who have lost jobs, family, friends, shelter or financial security, we pray that you will return to them even greater than that which they have lost.

**C: Like Job, may they bless your name even in the midst of their circumstances and receive twice times what they lost when you deliver them from their troubles.**

L: We pray these in Jesus name. **Amen**.

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**