

Prayer for Beginning Anew

As we begin a new season together,
with renewed hopes and energy,
Let us open our minds and hearts
To the light and love of our Creator God.

Let us pray for this gift of time,
And for the possibilities ahead.

We pray for a deeper sense of community,
A sense of shared hopes,
So we may encounter each other
In the fullness of our human dignity.

We pray for the awareness that God is in our midst,
So we may remember whose work we must be about.

We pray that we may take the time
For reflection and discernment,
So we may listen more carefully to the call of the Spirit.

We pray that we use the talents
And creativity God has given us,
So we may respond to the call
With new insights and in new ways.

We pray for the grace to know
We are grounded in God's love,
So we are blessed in our rest as well as in our activities.

As we begin this new season in prayer,
Let us celebrate this gift of time together
And the possibilities ahead. Amen.

~ Jane Deren

