

**God is with us!**

20ten is already 4 days old. Do your resolutions still last?

More importantly, will your faith last for a whole new year with all its challenges? What will make the difference, is that we pray to God and that we serve God. God is good and kind and almighty, and serving him will carry, comfort and sustain us. Are we ready to serve God, with our families, during this whole year until the very last day? Will we keep remembering the Christmastide message that in Jesus, God is with us!

After saying that, we need to ask: What difference do our prayers really make?

1. The first thing we need to remember, is that God is the one who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of *his* will' (Eph 1:11). The most important thing is that I align myself with, is his will (Rom 12:2). I was made by him and for him and find meaning and purpose in his will for me during this year. (Col 1:16). We pray: "Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven..."

2. And then the Bible affirms that God is good. What God created he also cares for (Ps 104). And he has a special care for those he has in Christ adopted as his children. (Eph 1:4-5.) As a Father who loves his children, God invites us to bring all our needs to him. And he promises to hear and answer every one of our prayers (Matt 7:7-11). When you pray, say - "Our Father who is in heaven..."

3. At the beginning of the year it is important to be reminded is that **nothing is too difficult for God** (Gen 18:4, Job 42:2). He is able to raise the dead, calm the storm and bring universes into existence. God's infinite power and his infinite mind means that he is not overwhelmed by numbers or confused by detail. He is able to give full attention, care and protection to every person throughout the world. "For thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory..."

**Our heavenly Father gives each of us his undivided attention.**

Therefore be blessed as you share your concerns for 20ten with God, in prayer. Seek his will for this year through prayer. Believe that God is good! Know that God can and will, in his mercy, listen to your prayers!