

Breakfast Brunch Ideas for January 2021

Dear Families,

We begin the New Year and our January Breakfast Ideas with a sense of surprise. In March when we started this quarantine, we may not have anticipated that we would be the new year still in quarantine. Perhaps we need to take a deep breath and look to the new year with courage and resiliency, but also with the reminder that God is with us.

We hope that we might all have a new tradition, that of celebrating the first morning of the new year with a brunch and a prayer.

This year, our social justice program for our children and youth will focus the answer to the question “What would Jesus do?” (WWJD) with the answer, “He Would Love First.” (HWLF). We are asking our children and youth (and ourselves) how we can show love at time when so many of us are seeking true equality as Americans and as citizens of the world.

Thus here are our prayer and possible discussion questions for your brunch. We also have some additional ideas for both prayers and homemade New Year’s Eve celebrations! – *Jeany & Judy*

Prayer:

Dear God,

We have had a year like none other. It was thrust on us with little warning, and we have had to endure many unsure days and nights. Yet, through all of this, your love has been steadfast even if we may--from time to time--forget that you are with us. As we begin this new year, we pray that we begin and end every day with a deep understanding that you are truly here with us. All we need to do is to reach out in prayer. We will celebrate 2021 with your love for us and with our promise to show love to others as Christians.

In HIS name we pray, Amen

Discussion Prompt:

It seems like such a simple command to love one another, when others are loving us. But what about loving one another who may seem different than us? Perhaps we don’t understand their actions, their feelings, their experiences. Perhaps they don’t show love to us. Yet Jesus doesn’t qualify his commandment and tell us to love those who are easy to love. No, he says love everyone. Discuss how you as individuals and as a family can love all in the coming year.

John 13: 34, 35: ³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Prayers for the New Year

- <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/new-years-prayers#:~:text=Dear%20God%2C,step%20of%20this%20New%20Year.>
- https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/new_year_prayer.html

Ways to celebrate New Year’s Eve This Year

- <https://becoming-family.com/ideas-to-celebrate-new-years-eve/?cn-reloaded=1>
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/g34704057/quarantine-new-years-eve-ideas/>
- <https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/g34934794/quarantine-new-years-eve-ideas/>