



Opening Devotion

At the beginning of this New Year, we pause and take a moment to be still as we remember that the Lord is **the source and the beginning of all things**. He has been faithful 'throughout all generations' (Psalm 90:1). We know as we enter a new year, that He **continues to be faithful**. His presence has been 'from everlasting to everlasting' (Psalm 90:2). He is the source of all joy - and every good thing in our lives! We take a moment now to search our hearts at the beginning of this new year, and ask: do we need to **set our eyes on the Lord** afresh this year? Perhaps we feel that we may need to repent for when we have not fixed our eyes on Him in the seasons and the year that has passed. With **confidence in His faithfulness**, we present ourselves, our churches, and our nation to Him now in prayer...

Prayer Points

Our Churches and Communities

- We give thanks for churches across Wales, and for all BUW churches. We give thanks for the communities they serve across Wales.
- We pray that the Lord will bless each one of them, and pour out His Spirit on them afresh - for the work of His kingdom this new year.

New General Secretary Appointment

- We give thanks for the outstanding work of the Rev. Judith Morris over ten years of service as BUW General Secretary. We pray every blessing for her as she comes to the end of her period of service.
- We pray that the Lord would lay His hand clearly on the process of appointing a new General Secretary.

More

specific prayer points, and regional prayer requests on our prayer calendar at buw.wales

Reading

Psalm 90 & Hebrews 12:1-2

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

(*Psalm 90:1-2*)



Prayer

Lord, we come to you at the beginning of this new year as a family of believers across Wales.

We thank you that you are the very source of our lives, and every good thing – it is to You that we look at the beginning of this year.

We bring before you each one of the churches connected with the Baptist Union of Wales across the nation. We ask that you would bless each one of them, and pour out your Holy Spirit upon them afresh as we enter this year.

We ask especially that you would place your hand on the process of appointing a new General Secretary for the BUW. We pray that you would prepare the individual on your heart.

Lord, would you prepare and inspire each one of us in the work of your Kingdom this year?

In Jesus' name, Amen.