

New Year's Blessing for Clocks and Calendars

(Watches and calendars may be placed on the kitchen or dining room table.)

Leader: Lord, You who live outside of time,

and reside in the imperishable moment

we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve)

upon Your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and watches

You who kindly direct us to

observe the passing of

minutes and hours.

May they make us aware of the miracle of

each second of life we experience.

May these our ticking servants

help us not to miss that which is important while

You keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers. and

instead become time lovers.

Reader: Bless our calendars,

these ordered list of days, weeks and months of

holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts -

our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars once

reserved for the royal few for

magi and pyramid priests,

now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days as they

teach us the secret that all life

is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Leader: Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons.

Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.

Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love.

All: Amen.