

# A Prayer for a Christ-filled Year

## **Heavenly Father,**

*There is no one like you and there is no one above you. You are Everlasting God, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End. No one can fathom your wisdom or exhaust your love or match your power. Your word says you give and take away, and you plan our places and seasons. Thank you for giving me another year. At the start of this New Year, four things I ask:*

## **First, reveal Christ to me.**

*In all I will do this year, show me Christ. When I sit and when I rise, when I work and when I play, when I read your Scriptures and when I walk in your creation, when I fellowship with others and when I am still, show me Christ. Your word says Jesus is the image of the invisible God, so when I see him, I will see you.*

## **Second, let me experience you.**

*I want a close relationship with you—Father to child. I want to know beyond my current knowing what you are like, to feel your touch, to hear your laugh, to feel your gaze upon me. I want to cradle in your arms as you hold me through eternity. Align my spirit, soul, and body in holy affection. Your word says that in Christ, I am a child and heir of God forever.*

## **Third, form Christ in me.**

*Use your word and your Spirit and your church and your disciplines, and whatever else you choose, to build up Jesus in me. I want to decrease, and Jesus to increase, so that Christ is easily and abundantly seen through my life. Perfect me in Christ so I realize I lack nothing, even through suffering and triumph, grief and joy, fellowship and loneliness, action and rest. Your word says that to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

## **And fourth, get glory through me.**

*If there's a way for my life to bring honor to you, and give you great joy and reveal your inexhaustible goodness, then may my life speak of your majesty. I want to turn my glories over to you, not reveling in the admiration of man, but instead serving the purposes of God. And not from labored obligation, but from wholehearted joy. As you get glory through me, you will turn that glory over to your Son, who is now and forevermore reigning at your right hand. Your word says that in all things, Christ will have the supremacy.*

*Heavenly Father, I dedicate this year to you. Do with it as you will, do in me what you may, do through me what you want. **For your glory and the glory of Your Supreme Son, in Jesus' Matchless Name, Amen.***

