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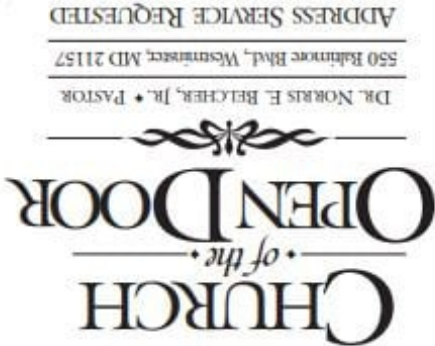
A magic morning greeted me,
For in the still of night
The Master Painter had passed by
And, much to my delight,
Had outlined every limb and stem.
They sparkled like ten thousand gems.
While all the world was oh so quiet,

He had dressed each bush in ermine white.
Each leaf and every blade of grass
Was glowing like pure crystal glass.
A sight so wondrous to see,
But even more to know that He
Inside my heart, has transformed me.
~ Jacquelyn P. Corley



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The Snow Came

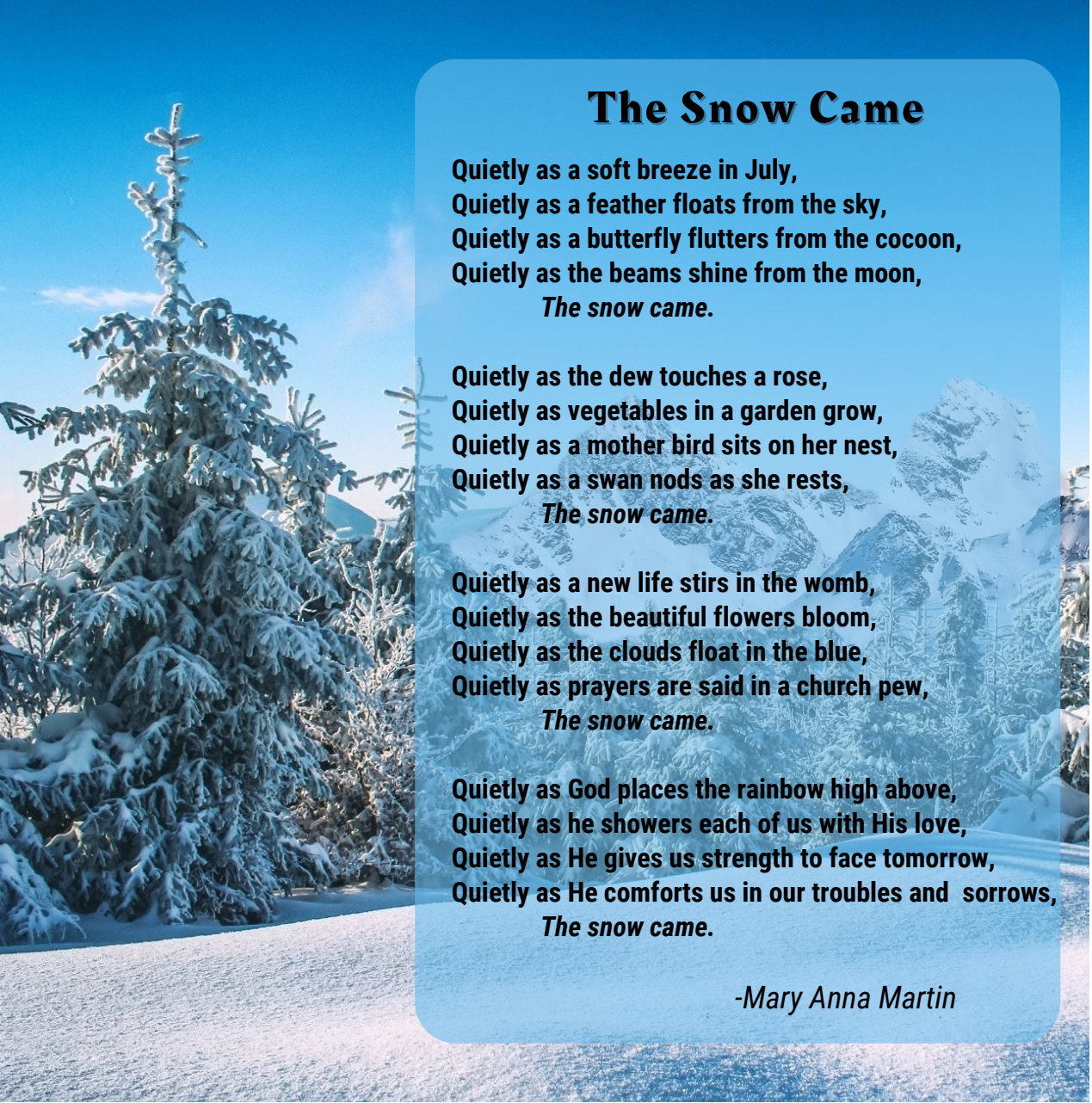
Quietly as a soft breeze in July,
Quietly as a feather floats from the sky,
Quietly as a butterfly flutters from the cocoon,
Quietly as the beams shine from the moon,
The snow came.

Quietly as the dew touches a rose,
Quietly as vegetables in a garden grow,
Quietly as a mother bird sits on her nest,
Quietly as a swan nods as she rests,
The snow came.

Quietly as a new life stirs in the womb,
Quietly as the beautiful flowers bloom,
Quietly as the clouds float in the blue,
Quietly as prayers are said in a church pew,
The snow came.

Quietly as God places the rainbow high above,
Quietly as he showers each of us with His love,
Quietly as He gives us strength to face tomorrow,
Quietly as He comforts us in our troubles and sorrows,
The snow came.

-Mary Anna Martin





Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE - "For the **GRACE** of God that bringeth salvation to all men." (Titus 2:11) "For the law was given by Moses, but **GRACE** and truth came by Jesus Christ." (John 1:17)

STIMULUS - **GRACE**, one of the attributes of God, is not to be sought, bought or wrought. It is the free gift of God bestowed on a lost, needy humanity. In this devotion, I use the five letters to spell out some of the majestic truths relating to the "**AMAZING GRACE** of God."

"G" STANDS FOR GOSPEL - In one of his many testimonies, Paul declared, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the **GOSPEL** of the **GRACE** of God." (Acts 20:24) Those who preach a salvation based on the merits of man "... pervert the **GOSPEL** of Christ." (Galatians 1:7)

"R" STANDS FOR REDEMPTION - In the list of numerous blessings bestowed on the Believer in Jesus Christ, as described in the epistle to the Ephesians, we read, "In whom (Christ) we have **REDEMPTION** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His **GRACE**." (Ephesians 1:7). That is why Christians rejoice in singing "**AMAZING GRACE**, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!"

"A" STANDS FOR ACCESS - Job asked, "How should man be just with God?" (Job 9:2) The answer is found in Romans 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Not only are we justified by faith in Jesus, but through Him "... we have **ACCESS** by faith into this **GRACE** wherein we stand ..." (Romans 5:2)

"C" STANDS FOR COMMUNICATION - In this day of filthy speech in our society, the Christian needs to read often, "Let no corrupt **COMMUNICATION** proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the edifying, that it may minister **GRACE** unto the hearers." (Ephesians 4:20) Also, "Let your speech be alway with **GRACE**, seasoned with salt ..." (Colossians 4:6)

"E" STANDS FOR ESTABLISHED - In an era of cults and occults, the Christian is warned, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with **GRACE**." (Hebrews 13:9)

STABILIZER - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of **GRACE**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **GRACE** to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Pastor John Campbell

MY HAPPY NEW YEAR

- H** Help whenever, however, and whoever I can.
 - A** Admit it when I'm wrong, but when I'm right make me easier to live with.
 - P** Promote Christ whenever an opportunity presents itself.
 - P** Present myself in the best way possible so that I may be an example for others.
 - Y** Yield not to the many temptations that are daily in my path.

 - N** Never think an unkind thought of anyone.
 - E** Endeavor to work harder for the Lord and my church than ever before.
 - W** Weed out all my bad habits to the best of my ability.

 - Y** Yearn and pray for peace throughout the world.
 - E** Earnestly desire a stronger relationship with Christ my Savior.
 - A** Attend church regularly and give my whole-hearted support.
 - R** Resolve to give my all for Christ and His Word for He gave His all for me.
- (Selected)

Thoughts for the New Year

1. Live a simple life. Simple things are best and nourish the soul.
2. Think constructively, act calmly.
3. Be grateful for God's love and goodness and His constant care,
4. Master your moods. Do not let evil or depressing thought overcome you.
5. Give. Remember Emerson's: "The only things you ever really keep are the things you give away."
6. Put God first in your life and your home.
7. Remember others. Be concerned for their welfare, their happiness, and their peace of mind.
8. Cultivate a hobby-shell collecting, refinishing old furniture, art, music, family history, or whatever. Be a more interesting and relaxed person.
9. Have a goal and try to achieve it.
10. Pray!
11. Laugh - find the humor in life and share it.
12. Love! the gift of love is the greatest gift of all.

- Carol Bessent Hayman

New Year Entreaty

As Paul prayed for the Ephesians,
So I earnestly pray for you
That you will grow spiritually,
Keeping eternal needs in view.
As brothers and sisters in Christ,
May you live sacrificially,
Helping each other to gain
The utmost Christian maturity.
Dress up in God's complete armor.
Beware of Satan's strategy,
Love not worldly pleasure,
But seek brokenness and humility.
In Christ's love serve one another,
Allowing God to work through you.
Pray, study the Word, worship and
Marvel at the great things He'll do.
*Ephesians 3:16 - Jane Lippy

It was in Austria, and the boy was very young, but he had prepared for this special day, his first violin recital. As the young man had studied violin as a student of one of the great masters of his time, he was not worried about the audience he faced. Following each number, the crowd cheered loudly, but the boy seemed dissatisfied. Finally, after the last number, the entire audience was shouting approval. But, not noticing, the boy stood looking up at an old man in the balcony. Finally, the old man smiled a broad, beaming smile. The cheers of the crowd meant nothing to him unless he had the approval of the master.

Which do you seek: the approval of those about you, or the approval of the Master - God?
". . . Shew thyself approved unto God." II Tim 2:15

Making Snow Ice Cream

Huge flakes pile on the railing. I can see my breath, and I remember making snow ice cream. While Momma whipped eggs with sugar and vanilla, we kids attacked a drift, gouging out bowls of pristine snow.

Momma stirred fast while Daddy added our snow to the egg mixture until it was thick. Then they dumped the scrumptious result in our bowls, and we all dug in, gobbling it quick before it melted.

Keep me from too much looking back,
Lord. My good ole days weren't really better
- just an earlier part of Your plan for me.
- Terry Germain Free

WHAT MAKES THE NEW YEAR?

What makes the New Year new?
Not resolutions lightly made,
Or worthless dreams born but to fade;
But faith in Christ instead of fate,
More room for God and less for hate.
The world receives its second birth
When God through Christ controls the earth,
That makes a New Year new!

I pray the coming year will be a time
of love and peace,
An epoch filled with brotherhood
and joys that never cease.
I pray that people everywhere will turn their
thoughts to God,
For in this way the road of life can
be more smoothly trod.
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Facing A New Year

Standing at the portal of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,
Tender, strong, and faithful, making us rejoice.
Onward then, and fear not, children of the day!
For His word shall never, never pass away!

For the year before us, oh, what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful shall His grace abound:
For the faint and feeble, perfect strength be found.
Onward then, and fear not, children of the day!
For His Word shall never, never pass away!
- Frances Ridley Havergal

A New Year's Prayer

Dear God, we start another year-
Clean and empty are the days.
Help us to fill them worthily
And nightly give You praise.
May we help someone see light
When shadows come his way;
Help us to lift a heavy load
For a friend who could never repay.
When our own day seems to have a flaw,
May we sing, though feeling sad;
Let the merry tune and our ready smile
Brighten a heart and make him glad.
Help us to fill each day with cheer,
Pressing ever forward this coming new year.
-Sue Wright Entekin

New Memories

A fresh new month,
A fresh new year,
Memories in the past
of those held dear.

New memories now
To be made each day,
I anxiously wait and
Accept come what may.

Lord, be with me
In everything I do.
Help me to help others
In this year so new.

-Evelyn Heinz

Father Abraham's January Quiz
"WHO SAID THAT?"

- 1. True or false? Adam said to Eve, "Ye shall not surely die."
- 2. True or false? Jesus said, "I lay down my life for the sheep."
- 3. True or false? It was the high priest who said to Peter, "Did not I see thee in the garden with him?"
- 4. True or false? Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died."
- 5. True or false? The men of Athens said to the apostles, "We will hear thee again of this matter."
- 6. True or false? John the Baptist said, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- 7. True or false? Jesus said to his disciples, "There shall not be left here one stone upon another."
- 8. True or false? Jesus said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"
- 9. True or false? The Pharisees said about Jesus, "Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? Behold the world is gone after him."
- 10. True or false? David said to Saul, "I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not."

Answers: 1. False, the serpent said this. (Genesis 3:4)
2. True (John 10:15) 3. False, the high priests servant (John 18:26) 4. False, Mary (John 11:21) 5. True (Acts 17:32)
6. True (Luke 3:7) 7. True (Matthew 24:21) 8. True (Acts 9:4)
9. True (John 12:19) 10. True (1 Samuel 24:11)

New Year's Day

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, but remember too
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell,
"Yes! this thing, all other things above:
God's will to love."

The Super 60's Cracker Barrel



Today is yesterday's hope.
Don't let it become tomorrow's regret.

I spotted a handy parking space
And was glad I wouldn't have to hike,
Imagine my frustration in seeing
It occupied by a motor bike.



A New Year's card is something you send
to people you didn't expect to hear from at
Christmas.

The charm of winter weather
I think is overrated.
With snows and storms and freezing rains
I often feel isolated.



Last year I made a list of things
that I resolve to do;
I use that list again this year,
It still looks brand new.



The trouble with the future is that
it's getting faster than it used to.

It seems my days are so busy
I can't spare a minute for fun,
Yet if someone asks what I did today,
I can't think of a thing I've done.



It doesn't look like me,
I hope you would agree,
And while you may smile,
Please do not laugh,
It's my driver's photograph.

I'm showing my age
When I wonder about teens
Who are paying high prices
For torn, tattered jeans.



Humor for January

Any child can tell you that the sole pupose
of a middle name is so he can tell when he's
really in trouble.

"Are you the barber who cut my hair last time?"
asked the teenager. "It couldn't be me," replied
the barber, "I've only been here three months."

As he entered a restaurant, a doctor handed
the head waiter his card since he was
expecting a call. He said, "Please call me if
necessary." The waiter said, "Okay, but I
hardly ever get sick."

I admire tombstones because they at least speak
well of a man when he's down.

Two kinds of families are likely to have
antique furniture - those with money and
those with kids.

Band-Aids for Venting Anger

- Play loudly on a piano. This is a safe way to bang out feelings.
- Blow into a paper bag and then pop the bag. Use several bags if necessary.
- Throw stale marshmallows forcefully down the garbage disposal.
- Pile up pillows and hit them with a tennis racket or broom.
- Rip up old newspapers or magazines. Then throw them into the recycle bin with vigor.
- Scream into a pillow.
- Open the linen closet door. Take out the linens and throw them across the room, never towards other people. When anger subsides, reorganize the closet.
- Count to 10. (Count to 20 if necessary.)
- Take a shower. Let the water wash all the negative feelings down the drain as you relax. (An alternative is a warm bath.)

"Quotes Worth Remembering"

"Well, the conference met today and appointed a commission to meet tomorrow and appoint a delegation which will eventually appoint a subcommittee to draw up ways and means of finding out what to start with first." - Will Rogers

"There is one person who plagues you; if you could only get away from him you would be content. But that person happens to be yourself, and there appears to be no rest for you, either in company or in solitude." - Spurgeon

"There never has been, there isn't now and there never will be any race of people on the earth fit to serve as masters over their fellowman."
-Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The brightest home on earth is but an empty barn compared with the mansions that are in the skies." - D. L. Moody

"Christianity is so entangled with the world that millions never guess how radically they have missed the New Testament pattern. Compromise is everywhere." - A.W. Tozer

"For the Christian, there is not only a New Year on the calendar but a New Forever in the heart!"
- Vance Havner

"You leave out God, and you substitute the Devil."
- Sir Winston Churchill



The new year lies before you
Like a spotless tract of snow;
Be careful how you tread on it
For every mark will show!

