# New Year’s Event: Keep on going!

## Creative Prayer Ideas

* **Seasons**

Use the guided prayer points below for individuals or groups; or have a table for each season for people to visit in turn. You might choose to undertake this exercise twice: the first time reflecting over the last year, and the second time with prayers for the upcoming year.

* Spring: Pray for the new things and the growth you will experience this year.
* Summer: Pray for the fun times of laughter and joy.
* Autumn: Pray for the changes that will happen.
* Winter: Pray for the tough moments and how they have challenged you.
* Christmas: Pray that you will always be reminded of the comfort and joy Christ has given to us all.
* **Light Up 2024**

Use tealights to make the shape of ‘2023’ and light the tealights. During this time reflect on the previous year. Then blow out the candles and change the ‘3’ to a ‘4’ to make ‘2024’, then relight. Now spend some time praying for the next year. Pray that God will continue to shine through you and use you as a light during other people’s time of darkness.

* **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

A range of versions of the song ‘Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus’ exist including:

* [Lauren Daigle](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L57ox0iQU7A) – www.youtube.com/watch?v=L57ox0iQU7A
* [Upper Norwood Citadel Salvation Army Band](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN2bqZQ2mnI) – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN2bqZQ2mnI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN2bqZQ2mnI) (sound only)
* [Hillsong Worship](http://Hillsong Worship) – [www.youtube.com/watch?v=IES4eLHLLyE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IES4eLHLLyE)

Choose a style that you see fit and play it during a time of reflection. Challenge people to block out the distractions and troubles and focus on Jesus.

## Creative Worship Ideas

* **Everyday Joys**

Using Skittles Giants, ask people what has brought them joy over Advent and Christmastime. For each answer place Skittles into a clear plastic bag until there are a lot. Then ask people to call out some of the tough things in everyday life that are coming up. Each time add flour into the plastic bag, covering the Skittles. The Skittles should be much harder to see now. Sometimes when we go back to normal life it can feel like the joyful moments are harder to see. But they are still there! Keep looking for the joyful moments when the challenges get in the way. (And share the Skittles!)

* **Bible Verse 365/366**

Print off a range of well-known and lesser-known Bible quotations on

strips of paper and lay them out on a table. Give people the opportunity

to come to the front and choose a Bible verse. Challenge them to read this Bible verse every day for the next year as part of their daily devotions.

* **2023 Collage**

Have various materials available including tissue paper, glitter, paint etc. On a piece of paper, people can spend time creatively reflecting on their year. Allow anyone to show and explain their piece of art and what it represents to them.