

**DAILY PRAYER**  
(for the week of January 3 - 9)

○ God of love and grace, of peace and hope,

We would begin this year in smaller ways than those demanded by the seasons past; in slips of gentle kindness and gratitude, in phrases of gentle blessing; in messages of love paraphrased by the details of the day. ○ do not let the word of love I intend be lost in the accidental translations of my life. Whatever I do or say, I mean my neighbors well, my loved ones peace, and every stranger such grace as you alone can give. ○ let the tired shadows of my life yield to the witness of your love. Amen.