

An acted prayer for the start of a new year

Materials

5 large flags, or large pieces of material, including one that can be stood on!
Volunteer to stand in the middle
About 5 other people to deal with the flags as outlined below

What to do

Read the prayer slowly, using the flags as indicated. There is no rush!

Lord Jesus, be inside me to give me strength.

Lord Jesus be over me to protect me. (Flag waved over)

Lord Jesus be underneath me to help me not to slip (Flag placed underneath)

Lord Jesus be in front of me to show me the way to go (Flag held in front)

Lord Jesus be behind me to stop me falling away and not loving You (Flag held behind)

Lord Jesus be all around me to help me when I feel sad and lonely (Flag moved around)

Thank you Jesus that You are going with me every day of this year - 2007.

Amen!

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At the end of the prayer you could draw attention to the fact that the person in the middle is surrounded by flags! This shows that Jesus surrounds us with His love.

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