

Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastdays
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New Year's Resolution

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A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for New Year's Day 2012

"And no one who has been drinking old wine desires new,' for he says, 'the old is good.'" (Luke 5:39)

Old wine is good.

Old

Is known like the back of your hand.

Is as comfortable as a worn shoe.

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in



Is as antique as great grandma's rocking chair.
Is stale as moldy bread.

Old wine is good.

Old

Is moth-eaten as a worn out wool sweater.
Is as out-of-date as last year's calendar.
Is as obsolete as last year's computer.
Is gray as an old man's beard.

Old wine is good.

Old

Is moss-grown as the old oak tree.
Is as time-worn as a yellow-paged book.
Is as worn and torn as an old pair of jeans.
Is as forgotten as yesterday's news.

“Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wine-skins.” (Luke 5:36)

New

Is as unknown as the far-reaches of the universe.
Is as refreshing as lemonade on a hot day.
Is as innovated as the latest hybrid car.
Is as bright as a new copper penny.

New

Is as succulent as a Georgia peach.
Is spic and span as a clean window.
Is untried as a new recipe.
Is modern as an i-pod.

New

Is futuristic as a time machine.
Is untrodden as a new fallen snow.

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Is advanced as rocket scientist.
Is 21st century as the latest innovator.

New years call for fresh wine-skins.

It is time to: renew, renovate, revamp, revise, refresh, restore, resurrect a change!

Change is a call to challenge the old and risk the new.

As Christians, we are to be prophetic witnesses, consciously aware of the signs of our times.

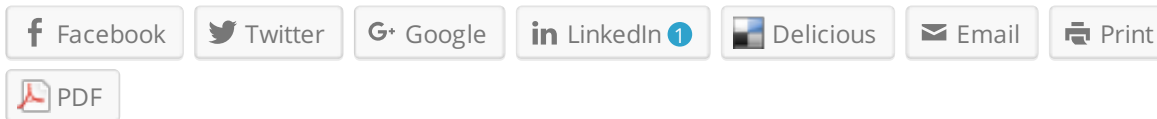
How will we help to transform a broken world if we fail to risk change in our own lives?

Happy **NEW** Year

What are your thoughts about old and new as you begin 2012?

Is there a word, phrase, or verse from this poem which stands out for you? Please share it with us in the comments below.

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