

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS-MARY MOTHER OF GOD.2024:
YES HERE COMES 2024!

My first order of the pastoral business today is to **wish you a very happy Blessed New year** wherever you are.

Am very much aware in some countries especially in Africa, it is the biggest day in life. The churches are all flooded from before midnight, many would like to finish the year in the church in **thanksgiving and begin the new year in the church.**

Practically all the business come to stand still during this first day of the year and everything is dedicated to the maker.

No one would like to do anything offensive to another as the year begins. Should I remind you it is **January 2024!**

The real meaning of January was a Roman god Janus, the god of two faces one looking at the **past and the other face looking to the future.**

This is the time of the year we have the two faces ourselves, we **look back to the events of past year gone**, with its **unfinished unattended resolutions and business**, yet we look **ahead for the year ahead of us** with **confidence, conviction** we will accomplish it this time

Obvious the unfinished business of past year will definitely **spill over to the new silent year** and might cause **anxiety, fear, stress, joy and even panic situations within our lives.**

We need to balance ourselves as we enter into the new year with **confidence, determination, courage and hope.** we must be optimistic in all what we undertake, we simply need **commitment, vision, faith and trust in God.**

We need **soul searching** and **review** of the last years, it will help us to settle our **goals and resolutions if we have to succeed.** Like Blessed Virgin Mary mother of God, we need to reflect and treasure all these in our heart. Above all we must distinguish between **wishes and resolutions in life.** we must be ready to make **changes and detach ourselves from the old self to the new self of the new year.** The positive of life and negatives must not to be an obstacle at all, we should put all these to God in prayer like Mary Mother of God. Her humility and

submission to the will of God should teach us how to be humble at all times.

We have no better way to enter the new year except with the Blessings we are being accorded into our first reading with duties and responsibility given to Moses by yahweh, go to Aaron and his sons and tell them to Bless my people with these Blessings:

May yahweh Bless you and keep you.

May yahweh let his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

May yahweh show his face on you and bring you peace.

Then I shall Bless them(num.6:22-27)

What a Blessing as we start the year.

*We are called to see Gods presence in all the activities we undertake this year. We must see **the helping, teaching, strengthening, healing, connecting, and redeeming grace** of God in all our activities, If God is on our side what will we be afraid of **Do not be afraid.***

*We are luck to have one to intercede for us this year and always **mary mother of God**, let us not make false wishes but proper resolution this year.*

HAPPY 2024 FULL OF BLESSINGS TO ALL.

Note: I break for my vacation to Africa for five weeks: