May you enjoy peace of mind, and may all your dreams be sweet ones.

May the world be a better place because you are in it, and may you find delight in reading a good book, finding a bargain, doing a good deed, and giving charity with a free and open hand.

Whenever it rains – as it will – may you have an umbrella.

And may we meet on the streets of Jerusalem in the year to come....

We are about to throw our rice into the water, to cast our sins away as many generations before us have done. We look forward to the New Year with great happiness and gratitude. We delight in our new, precious beginning.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who guides the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

As you make your way silently to the water’s edge to perform tashlich create a prayer of hope for a new beginning; a prayer to be able to right your wrongs; a prayer to do better; a prayer to rid yourself of your pain and mistakes....

and then cast away

Psalm 130:
Out of the depths I call to You:
Adonai, hear my cry, heed my plea.
Be attentive to my prayers, to my sign of supplication.
Who could endure, Adonai, if You kept count of every sin?
But forgiveness is Yours, therefore we revere you.
I wait for you, Adonai, my soul yearns.
Hopefully I await Your word.
I wait for You, Adonai, more eagerly than watchmen wait for dawn.

We put hope in Adonai, for Adonai is generous with mercy. Abundant is God’s power to redeem. May Adonai redeem the people Israel from all sin.
The waters which now seem to be at this place were not here before and will not remain afterward. So, if we each say to ourselves, “I will not repeat my sin,” the sin like the waters will move on.

So may it be for us today: as we turn towards God, we rediscover our better selves, may this stream and this ceremony of tashlich bring us nearer to a year of growth and tranquility.

A Prayer for the New Year

During this coming year:
May you enjoy good health and happiness.

May peace reign over our country and throughout the world.

May you have a kiss from your beloved, a smile from a child, a warm cozy house, with the aroma of good food baking in the oven.

May you have wise governors and merciful tax collectors, good friends and helpful neighbors.

May you enjoy the fruits of your labors, celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and may the sun shine on your face – but not too much.

May you see a rainbow.
May your team score a touchdown.

May the Sabbath Queen enter your home, and enable you to follow the teachings of the Torah with love

A-vi-nu Mal-kei-nu, cho-nei-nu va-a-nei-nu ki ein ba-nu ma-a-sim.

Avinu Malkeinu, graciously answer us. Although we are without merits, Deal charitably with us and lovingly save us.

Avinu Malkeinu, answer us gently, even though we aren’t perfect. Be generous to us and we will be generous, too. Be loving to us, and we will be loving to each other. Save us, and we will save each other.

Who is like You O’God, forgiving iniquity and remitting transgression? You do not retain Your wrath forever against the remnant of Your people, for You love kindness. You will receive us again in love, You will cover up our iniquities, You will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will keep faith with Jacob and loyalty to Abraham, as You promised our ancestors in days of old. (Micah 7:18-20)

Ei-li, Ei-li,
She-lo yi-ga-meir l’o-lam
Ha-chol v’ha-yam,
Rish-rush shel ha-ma-yim,
B’ra’k ha-sha-ma-yim
T’fi-lat ha-a-dam.

Ha-chol v’ha-yam,
Rish-rush shel ha-ma-yim,
B’ra’k ha-sha-ma-yim,
T’fi-lat ha-a-dam.

Adonai, my God, I pray that these things never end: the sand and the sea, the rush of the waters, the crash of the heavens, the prayer of the heart. The sand and the sea, the rush of the waters, the crash of the heavens, the prayer of the heart.