

GIVE US THIS DAY...

Welcome to 2021!! It took us 365 L-O-N-G days to get here—days filled with struggle, turmoil, upheaval, uncertainty. Days full of sickness...fatigue...despair...and yes, death. As many have said, 2020 was a year for the “record books”.

It was a year of record hurricanes hitting the US...a year of looting and riots...a year of unemployment and business losses...a year that was dominated by a pandemic and an election that never seemed to end. We were separated...isolated...shut out...locked down. We found ourselves educating our children in the kitchen...doing business in the dining room...and exercising in the backyard.

We struggled to make sense of it all as birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations turned into drive-by parades...as weddings went “virtual”...as funerals were postponed. We complained...and we prayed. Oh, how we prayed!!

For many years, we at Maple have had a “theme”. For 2021, our theme will be based on four words from the Lord’s Prayer—“**GIVE US THIS DAY**”. Using this motif, we will look at some of the overarching themes—some of the gifts—that God has made known to us through His Word.

Our theme for this first Sunday of the new year is simply this—“GIVE US THIS DAY—NEW LIFE.”

2021 Give Us This Day themes

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| January | ...New Life | July | ...Freedom |
| February | ...Love | August | ...Rest |
| March | (none) – LENT | September | ...Wisdom |
| April | (none) – EASTER | October | ...Healing |
| May | ...Power | November | ...Gratitude |
| June | ...Joy | December | ...Jesus |