

the word of God in its fullness—²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:24-27

Be Inspired by the Hope You Have in Jesus Christ

² We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³ We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Retain Hope for Christians Who Fall Asleep in Jesus

¹³ Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Remember that Jesus Himself is our Hope

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope. 1 Timothy 1:1

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Scripture Prayer Guide

Using the Word of God

To Pray for Hope from the New Testament 1

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Hope in the Glory of God

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

Hope in Our Adoption as Children of God

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:22-25

Be Joyful in Hope

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

Hope in the Revealed Truths of God's Word

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Overflow with Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Hope in God's Ability to Deliver from Danger

⁹ *Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.* ¹⁰ *He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,* ¹¹ *as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.* 2 Corinthians 1:9-11

Know the Hope to which He Has Called You

¹⁸ *I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,* ¹⁹ *and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,* ²⁰ *which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,* ²¹ *far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.* Ephesians 1:18-21

Let Hope Spring from Your Nearness to God through the Blood of Christ

¹¹ *Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—* ¹² *remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.* ¹³ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.* Ephesians 2:11-13

Remember the Unified Hope to which You were Called

¹ *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.* ² *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.* ³ *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* ⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called—* ⁵ *one Lord, one faith, one baptism;* ⁶ *one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Ephesians 4:1-6

Let Faith and Love Spring from Your Heavenly Hope

³ *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,* ⁴ *because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—* ⁵ *the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel* ⁶ *that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.* Colossians 1:3-6

Stand Firm in the Hope Contained in the Gospel

²² *But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—* ²³ *if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.* Colossians 1:22-23

Remember that Christ in Us is the Hope of Glory

²⁴ *Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.* ²⁵ *I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you*