

## HOPE

A prayer reflecting on hope lost and hope found

My dearest heavenly father  
Forgive me, for I have sinned  
I have put my hope in the wrong places  
I have put my hope in medical and scientific solutions for physical and mental healing  
But even with the best of heart and knowledge, those solutions have failed before and will fail again  
I have put my hope in government and political solutions for justice and mercy  
But even with the best of heart and knowledge, those solutions have failed before and will fail again  
I have put my hope in educational and economic solutions to meet physical needs  
But even with the best of heart and knowledge, those solutions have failed before and will fail again  
I have put my hope in religious leaders and their followers for moral and spiritual purity  
But even with the best of heart and knowledge, they have failed before and will fail again  
To make up for the failures of others  
I have put my hope in myself and the resources You have provided  
Only to find myself failing, again and again  
And when there is nowhere else to turn  
I have searched again for any source of hope  
I find Your promise that one will come and crush evil  
I find Your promise of blessing through your chosen people  
I find Your grace, given over and over again as your chosen people fail  
I find Your promise fulfilled in a baby, a cross, and a tomb  
I find Your power, in promises fulfilled and in resurrection  
I find Your presence, as promised  
You are my hope because of your persistent love,  
Your unending grace, Your transforming power  
As I daily interact with the world around me  
Never let me forget that You are the Alpha and Omega  
Of all of your creation  
I will praise you all my days because  
YOU are my hope

Sing a song about HOPE ("My Life is in You, Lord")

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