

“GOD IS HOPE” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is *Hope*. He is the One Who can be our confidence, our trust, our expectation and our desire in this broken world.

It comes from our prayer verse: Romans 15:13 "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."

Our encouragement from this verse is that God is the source of our *Hope* and He *desires* to give it to us. It is Who He is and what He can be for us. He is true *Hope*, not what the world offers in so many temporal things, but He is true *eternal Hope* that offers us His glory, His power, His presence and His promises that lasts now and throughout all eternity. In His Word He speaks His promises of *hope* that are eternal and rooted in His faithfulness, sharing with us that His will and purpose for each of us is good and He has a plan for us that was created before we were born. He is the only true *Hope* we can put our confidence in and take refuge in because He is God, He is trustworthy, and He is faithful. He is capable of doing all things for us according to His will for us and it is good, even when we may not understand. As we *hope* in Him and wait for Him, looking to Him to be our strength and guide and trusting Him to do what is right and good in our lives in the midst of whatever we may be going through, He fills us with His supernatural joy and peace that comes through the gift of His Holy Spirit. And as we walk through the power of His Holy Spirit, we can have *hope* that no matter what is going on all around us, He is our confidence, our trust and our provision. All He desires from us is our love for Him and that we will allow Him to be Lord over our lives in appreciation for the gift of His Son so we may live our lives out in His presence, power, peace, joy and *hope* that only He can offer to our hurting souls. Let us pray that we will know this God of *Hope* in a deep and personal way. Let us pray that we will rest in His power and presence, having confidence in Him that He will do all that He has promised in His Word for us. Let us pray that even as we walk through difficult times, we will have the joy, peace and *hope* that no matter what we see or hear, our God is watching over us and taking care of each situation for our eventual good and for His glory. Let us pray that our God of *Hope* will empower us with His Spirit to walk lives out in courage and faith as we try to live lives in honor of Him. And even if those we are praying for may not be walking with Him at this time, we will continue to pray *in hope* that they will turn their hearts to the only One Who truly loves them and desires to be their true *Hope* in this broken world. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our *Hope*. We ask that You may be the God of *Hope* that fills mine and...

(names of those you are praying for)

with all joy and peace as we trust in You, so that we may overflow with *hope* by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."