

Building hope and confidence: Prayers and Bible verses

Prayers

**Gracious God,
giver of hope
which sustains our lives
we thank you.**

Loving Father, we hope in your word:
we trust in your plans for a future
where we will thrive in showing love
to those we seek to serve.

Saviour Christ, we hope in your word:
we trust in your plans for a future
where we will bear eternal fruit
as we follow your commands.

Holy Spirit, we hope in your word:
we trust in your plans for a future
where we will be filled with power
and guided in every truth.

**Thanks be to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
for our sure and steadfast hope. Amen**



Living God,
we thank you that we can put our hands in yours,
and walk where you will lead us,
confident that, though all else may fail, you will not,
though heaven and earth pass away,
your words will endure forever.

So we come in faith,
with joyful hearts and in glad thanksgiving,
to offer our worship,
and to dedicate our lives once more to your service.

You have given us hope,
and hope does not disappoint us.

Receive our praise,
in the name of Christ. Amen

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To have hope
is to believe that history continues open
to the dream of God and to human creativity.

To have hope
is to continue affirming
that it is possible to dream a different world,
without hunger, without injustice,
without incrimination.

To have hope
is to be a courier of God
and courier of men and women of good will,
tearing down walls, destroying borders,
building bridges.

To have hope
is to believe in the revolutionary potential of faith,
is to leave the door open so that
the Spirit can enter and make all things new.

To have hope
is to begin again as many times as necessary.

To have hope
is to believe that hope is not
the last thing that dies.

To have hope
is to believe that hope cannot die
that hope no longer dies.

To have hope
is to live.

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Whatever today may hold,
whatever tomorrow might bring,
the future is secure,
for Christ is with us,
the same yesterday, today and forever.
Live each moment with him
in quiet confidence and joyful celebration,
for he is ours
and we are his
for all eternity. Amen

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We are born in hope,
Raised in hope,
Nurtured in hope,
Loved in hope,
Comforted in hope,
Suffer in hope,
Endure in hope,
Overcome in hope.

Hope in the One
who has endured all things
that we might know freedom,
Hope in the One
who has given us his Spirit
that we might have power,

Hope in the One
who has loved us beyond death
that we might have life,
Hope in the One
who prepares a place for us
that we might share eternity with him.

For hope that endures, we thank you Lord.
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In our anxiety, fear and uncertainty,
when hearts are heavy with the load we bear,
and there is no one to turn toward but you;
yours is the peace that calms,
the peace that comforts,
the peace that gives us strength to carry on.

Yours is the voice we long to hear,
the persistent whisper in our ear,
'Be still, and know that I am God'.
Yours is the presence in the dark
that banishes our fears.
Yours is the hand that guides,
the footprints in which I walk.

In our anxiety,
fear and uncertainty,
in confidence we turn to you.
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Our hope and confidence is in you,
our loving Father;
you have opened the door of heaven
through your plan of salvation.

Our hope and confidence is in you,
our saviour, Jesus Christ;
you have paved the way for us to know
joyous relationship with God.

Our hope and confidence is in you,
our counsellor, Holy Spirit;
you have shined a light for us to see
the love of the Father and Son.

**Thanks be to God,
for our sure and steadfast confidence
and the hope in which we glory. Amen**



Lord, listen to your people.
There are many crying out for justice.
Their wait goes on and hope is fading:

**Lord hear their prayers,
build their hope,
renew their confidence in you.**

Lord, look upon your people.
There are many seeking for answers.
Their search goes on and hope is fading:

**Lord hear their prayers,
build their hope,
renew their confidence in you.**

Lord, bring comfort to your people.
There are many longing for peace.
But conflict remains and hope is fading:

**Lord hear their prayers,
build their hope,
renew their confidence in you. Amen**



Bible verses

Hope

I will find my rest in God alone.
He is the one who gives me hope.
Psalm 62:5

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31-32

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a
future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.
Romans 5:5 (NRSV)

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

The mystery is that Christ lives in you, and he is your hope of sharing in
God's glory.
Colossians 1:27

We wait for the blessed hope— the glorious appearing of our great God
and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Titus 2:13

His grace made us right with God.
So now we have received the hope of eternal life as God's children.
Titus 3:7

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do
not see.
Hebrews 11:1

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Confidence

I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan *and* purpose.
Romans 8:28 (AMP)

In Christ and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:12

May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (The Message)

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear.

What can mere people do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6 (NLT)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God:

that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

1 John 5:14

Hope and confidence

You are my hope; O Lord God,

You are my trust *and* the source of my confidence from my youth.

Psalms 71:5 (AMP)

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT)

Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.
Hebrews 3:6

We who have fled to God for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.

Hebrews 6:18-19 (NLT)