BE AN ANCHOR OF HOPE!

"*This we have as **an anchor of the soul**,*
sure and firm,
***which reaches into the interior behind the veil**,*
where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner,
becoming high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek."
Hebrews 6:19-20

How We Can Be an Anchor of Hope

Jesus came as a forerunner. That means there are others to follow in His footsteps. WE are those to follow in His footsteps and model His actions, His virtues, His Way, His utter submission to the Will of His Heavenly Father. We are to model His gift and virtue of Divine Hope, bringing the hope of God to humanity.

Jesus Yeshua came to bring us hope —hope of salvation, hope of redemption, hope of forgiveness, hope for healing, hope for renewal and second chances, hope for eternal life.

Let Us Pray Together…

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You as Your Intercessors, standing in the gap for our country America, committing to be an anchor of the soul in these tumultuous times. Jesus Christ gave Himself as an example of Godly virtue, living in and one with Your Divine Will. He initiated the way of Grace by being baptized, so that our baptism would bring us sanctifying grace, a grace that marks us as children of the Most High God. We became His kinfolk.

As Jesus is an anchor of the soul, we commit to being an anchor of His Hope. We commit to possessing His Way and ways of Love; "And this I tell you, love one another as I have loved you." When we love as He loves, when we know the Father's Heart, we can be an anchor of hope for others in these tumultuous times.

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In a storm, the anchor keeps the boat steady and secure. We commit to offering ourselves as anchors in the storms of life, the storms of purification; anchors of hope to those who are seeking consolation, hope, healing and peace in our country in these uncertain times.

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace & Your Joy

- Dear Father God, make me an instrument of Your peace and joy, that it will fill others I encounter with YOUR peace and joy, not my limited version of peace and joy. I pray from Romans 15:13, that *You Lord God, the source of hope, will fill me completely with joy and peace because I trust in You. Then I will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.* I pray that this confident hope, Lord God, is contagious to all I come into contact with day to day.
- Lord God, make me an instrument of Your hope. We know that the adversary works through the feeling of hopelessness which causes people to give up. Make me an anchor of hope, that Your love, joy, peace, grace and mercy shall work through me to Your children, bringing them the medicine of hope in You; hope that their life matters, hope that their heart and soul can be healed and redeemed, hope that nothing of true worth is ever truly lost when You are at the center of their life, hope that America will be truly restored and healed.

Following the Example of Your Saints

- Dear Lord God, Hebrews 6:11-12 makes clear that as I follow the example of Your saints, our conquering brothers and sisters in the Faith, I can demonstrate hope: "*We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises*."
- Heavenly Father, I commit to being steadfast, keeping my eye on the prize of eternal life in You, as my anchor of hope. In so doing, that I may be an anchor of hope for others by my confidence in Your promises, and meeting others in charity.

Witnessing to Your Faithfulness Gives Others Hope

- Holy Father God, there are few things that can strengthen faith like knowing that something or someone is reliable, that their word is true. Heavenly Father, for sure

Your Word is True. I understand that as I witness to Your Word, Your Word can deliver comfort and hope, healing and peace.

- Psalm 145:13 comforts: "*For your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps His promises; He is gracious in all He does*."
- Isaiah 55:11 assures us of God's steadfast faithfulness: "*So will My Word be which goes out of My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it*."
- I can bring hope and comfort by sharing with others that Your Love is unfailing; it will never leave us or forsake us, according to Hebrews 13:5 and Deuteronomy 31:6. Deuteronomy 7:9 also confirms this: "*Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His Covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands*."

Hope That Comes From Not Being Self-Reliant

- Dear Heavenly Father, one of the biggest reasons why people become hopeless is because they do not see any possible solution to their problem, they see no way that they can solve the challenges before them. Even as in these times, it seems near impossible for America to dig out from all its enemies and travails. But Your Word says we do **not** have to rely on ourselves for solutions; and knowing and accepting this IS the source and way to possessing Divine Hope, which is Hope in You.
- Your Word in Isaiah 41:10 assures us: "*Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand*."
- I commit to making Philippians 4:13 the centerpiece of everyday living: "*For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength*."
- Living in the belief of Psalm 18:32 and sharing it with others, enables me to be an anchor of Your hope: "*God arms me with strength, and He makes my way perfect.*"
- I take hold of 2 Corinthians 12:9: "*My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness*." Lord God, I embrace my weaknesses as an opportunity for Your Grace

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to work through me and be a witness of Your Love and Glory! I commit to sharing this spiritual power tool with others, as the pathway of hope, on the way to possessing the virtue and gift of Divine Hope.

We Place Our Hope in YOU Lord God

- Father God, so much of hope in this world is misplaced. We put our hope in fickle-hearted people. We put our hope in unstable and unreliable economic markets and instruments, in media, an in information overload. We put our hope in leaders and others that have let us down. Your Word is consistently clear that our ONLY hope should be in You; You are the only unchanging, unwavering, ever-reliable source of hope. I repent for all the times and ways I took my eye off of You as my hope in situations and needs.
- When we put our hope in You, our strength can be renewed because we are filling up from the very source of strength. As Isaiah 40:31 affirms: "*But 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*."
- I take hold of Micah 7:7 which is so simple yet so powerful: "*But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me*." Thank you Loving Father, for hearing me and receiving my repentance, petitions and commitments.
- Psalm 31:24 tells us that we can gain strength and a renewed heart by placing our hope in You: "*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.*"
- I declare and petition You Psalm 33:22, "*May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You*."

The Hope of Eternal Life

- Dear Heavenly Father, the ultimate cause and goal of hope is the hope of eternal life in You, eternal life WITH You. What greater reason or cause for hope? That even if things do not go the way we want or expect in this world, we know that being in a true relationship with You and Christ Jesus, the best is yet to come!

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- As Titus 1:2 proclaims: "*In the hope of eternal life that God, who does not lie, promised before time began*." Before time began! This means You never intended for us to perish. You always intended for us to go through this world of challenges and tests, to ultimately come home to You. What could matter more? Thank you my Heavenly Father, for the promise of eternal life with You!
- Lord God, I commit to sharing Your promise of eternal life, the ultimate hope of all hopes. For 1 John 5:11-12 says: "*And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life*."
- We proclaim this declaration of Hope from 1 Peter 1:4-5, that *we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for us, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through our faith, God is protecting us by His power until we receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.*" Halleluia!

Sealing Prayer:

"But, beloved,
we are convinced of better things regarding you,
and things that accompany salvation,
even though we are speaking in this way.
For God is not unjust so as to forget your work
and the love which you have shown toward His name,
by having served and by still serving the saints.
And we desire that each one of you
demonstrate the same diligence so as to
realize the full assurance of hope until the end,
so that you will not be sluggish,
but imitators of those who through faith and endurance
inherit the promises.
For when God made the promise to Abraham,
since He could swear an oath by no one greater,
He swore by Himself, saying,

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'indeed I will greatly bless you
and I will greatly multiply you.'
And so, having patiently waited,
he obtained the promise.
For people swear an oath
by one greater than themselves,
and with them an oath
serving as confirmation
is an end of every dispute.
In the same way God,
desiring even more to demonstrate
to the heirs of the promise the fact that
His purpose is unchangeable,
confirmed it with an oath,
so that by two unchangeable things
in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we who have taken refuge
would have strong encouragement
to hold firmly to the hope set before us.
This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
a hope both sure and reliable
and one which enters within the veil,
where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us,
having become a high priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek."
Hebrews 6:9-20