

# Opening Prayer

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**Twas grace that taught my  
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**And grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace  
appear,**

**The hour I first believed!**

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**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.**

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# Broken Vessels

**All these pieces,  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered,  
Mended and whole**

**Empty handed,  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free,  
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**I once was lost  
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**Oh I can see You now**  
**Oh I can see the love in Your eyes**  
**Laying Yourself down**  
**Raising up the broken to life**

**You take our failure,  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure,  
In jars of clay**

**So take this heart, Lord,  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see,  
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# Scripture Reading

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**Still**

**Hide me now,  
Under Your wings  
Cover me,  
within your mighty hands**

**When the oceans rise and thunders roar  
I will soar with you above the storm  
Father, You are King over the flood  
I will be still know You are God**

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**Build My Life**

**Worthy of every song  
we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise  
we could ever bring**

**Worthy of every breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You**

**Jesus, the name above  
every other name  
Jesus, the only One  
who could ever save**

**Worthy of every breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You,  
Oh, we live for You**

**Holy, there is no one like You,  
there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder**

**And show me who You are  
and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love  
to those around me**

**Hallelujah,  
praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah,  
death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your Name  
Jesus Christ my Living Hope**

**And I will build my life upon Your love,  
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**I'm alive and well,  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
and rose again.**

**Amazing love,  
how can it be,  
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A hand is shown holding a small, light-colored paper cutout of a house. The house has a triangular roof and a heart-shaped hole in the center. A bright, glowing light source, likely the sun, is positioned behind the heart cutout, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise over a cityscape, with warm orange and yellow tones. The overall mood is hopeful and serene.

Living Hope: for  
the Exiles in  
this World.

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<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who **through faith** are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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“A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen”

**What do you put your Hope in?**



# Roadmap

## 1 Peter 1:3-16 – Living Hope for the Exiled

### Background

I. We have **a Living Hope!** (v 1-5)

**II. Take Joy** in Trials. (v 6-9)

III. Called to **be Holy** (v13-16)

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1 Peter 1:1

“Peter, **an apostle of Jesus Christ**, To those who are **elect exiles** of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the **sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience** to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”

**Peter was writing in AD 62** to Jewish and Gentile Christians who were **suffering for Christ**.

He wanted them to remind them that they are **foreigners in this world** and who their **LIVING HOPE** is.

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Our hope doesn't start with us looking up, but **with God looking down!**

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The source of our Living Hope is **Christ's Death and Resurrection**

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**Romans 5:8-9** → <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

**2 Corinthians 5:17** → Therefore if anyone is in Christ, He is **a new Creation**. The old has gone, the new has come.

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**This New Birth is:**

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This New Birth is:

**A complete**

**transformation from the**

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## **Our Living Hope is Looking to Heaven**

**Believers will always have tension with this world.**

**John 16:33** → <sup>33</sup> “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. **In this world you will have trouble.** But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

**2 Corinthians 5:1** → For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, **an eternal house in heaven**, not built by human hands.

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- It is our **greatest goal** and aim.
- It can only be fulfilled by **His grace and power.**
- It is **better than we can ever imagine**, hope for, or obtain while we are in this world.

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## **Application:**

Brothers and Sisters, maybe your life feels shaky right now. Some of us have job uncertainty, financial stress, academic struggles, issues with others, health struggles, broken relationships.

But if you are **in Christ**, your ultimate hope is **SECURE!!**

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## **Romans 8:38-39**

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that **neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,** <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor **anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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Peter acknowledges reality: **Life is hard. Grief is real!**

But the **Tests that we face in this world are: Temporary and Purposeful**

# Diamond Under Pressure

Rough Diamond:



Cut and Polished Diamond:



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<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, **you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him** and are filled with an **inexpressible and glorious joy...**

**The result of our tested faith:**

**A profound, personal love for Jesus!!**

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### **Because we have a Living Hope:**

We can have a deep, joyful love for Christ that **can overcome hardships** because it is rooted in something beyond this world.

### **James 1:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> Consider **it pure joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith **produces perseverance**. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete, not lacking anything**.

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**“I’ve experienced His Presence in the deepest darkest hell that men can create.** I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, **you can count on them. I know that Jesus Christ can live in you, in me, through His Holy Spirit.** You can talk with Him; you can talk with Him out loud or in your heart when you are alone, as I was alone in solitary confinement. **The joy is that He hears each word.”**

—Corrie ten Boom

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Holiness = to **be SET APART** from this world.

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### 1. **Prepare our Mind for Action** (Vs. 13):

“Therefore, with minds **that are alert and fully sober**”. **Be ready to be Disciplined and Serious**

**2 Corinthians 10:5** → “we take **captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.”

### 2. **Be Holy in All You Do** (Vs. 14-16):

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”

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If you are a Christian, you are Holy because of...  
**WHO YOU ARE OWNED BY** and **WHO YOU REPRESENT!!!**

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**We are to reflect the family Christ has brought us into and honor our Father.**

We pursue holiness **out of gratitude for the mercy we've received** and in anticipation of the inheritance that awaits us.



## **Holiness is Abiding in Christ**

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” – John 15:7



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**Answer the Call to Holiness:** Get your mind in gear. Set it on Christ. And step out in obedience, pursuing a life of holiness that reflects the character of your Heavenly Father.



**In Christ Alone**

**In Christ alone  
my hope is found  
He is my light,  
my strength, my song**

**This Cornerstone,  
this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm**

**What heights of love,  
what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease**

**My Comforter,  
my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone,  
Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!**

**This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones  
He came to save.**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;**

**For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground  
His body lay  
Light of the world  
by darkness slain**

**Then bursting forth  
in glorious Day  
Up from the grave  
He rose again**

**And as He stands  
in victory  
Sin's curse has lost  
its grip on me**

**For I am His  
and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life,  
no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me**

**From life's first cry  
to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell,  
no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me  
from His hand**

**Till He returns  
or calls me home  
Here in the power  
of Christ I'll stand**

**Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him**

**Jesus said if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
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**For the Lord is good and faithful  
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