

HOPE

ADVENT PASSAGE OF HOPE TO READ ISAIAH 40



Activity

Read through the promises from the bible on the postcards below.

If you are really struggling with a promise of God, pause, pick up a piece of string and make some knots in it. Ask God to bring the truth of that promise to your heart and mind as you untie the knot to symbolise God helping with that worry, concern, or anxiety.

Alternatively, draw a hopscotch pattern on a sheet of paper with numbers and play hopscotch, reading aloud the promise that your stone lands on. As you think about what each of these promises means for you, you might like to thank God too, taking time to meditate on the scripture.

You can write a key promise for you and your household on a larger stone and take it home with you.

Prayers of Hope & Promise

God will keep every promise He has ever made. His Word cannot be broken. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). May we live each day of our lives in the power of His promises! Amen.

Repentance prayer of Hope

Father God, we rely on Your infinite goodness and on all Your promises. Lord our hope is in Your pardon of our sins and Lord help me live in Your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Salvation Prayer

Glorious Father, we thank You for Your unconditional love. Thank You for showing us just how great Your love is by sending Christ to dwell with us, to show us the Hope we have in You through Christ's death and resurrection for. Lord God, we thank You that all your promises are 'Yes and Amen in Jesus' and for the precious gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. We confess all of our hope in You, Lord. You are our help and our shield. Our hearts rejoice in You, for we trust in Your holy Name. Father, You have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal! If we tried to recite all Your wonderful deeds we would never come to the end of them. Thank You God. Amen

Promises of God

Hope filled scriptures

1

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

LORD, YOU PROMISE NEVER TO LEAVE ME ALONE NOR TO ABANDON ME IN MY TIME OF NEED.

Even when I can't feel Your presence, I know you are near. Your promises are true. Thank You for Your faithfulness. Lord, teach my heart to rest in Your presence and not to be afraid or anxious. I will trust in You. DEUTERONOMY 31:6 | HEBREWS 13:5

2

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

LORD, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO PREPARE AN ETERNAL HOME FOR ME IN YOUR KINGDOM WHERE SIN, SICKNESS AND SORROW DON'T EXIST.

I can't wait to be there, Lord! Thank You for my future hope. Thank You that I can rejoice despite the circumstances in this world. Because I know it is just the beginning, I can look beyond this life. Thank You for trusting me with these momentary afflictions on earth, which are preparing for me an eternal weight of glory. Thank You for the hope I have in Jesus. REVELATION 21:4 | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:17-18

3

A PRAYER FOR BLESSING

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE YOU.

I know that You are at work in my life. No matter how I feel or what troubles I face, You are working things out for my good. Thank You for being a sovereign God who sees the end from the beginning and uses even painful things to bring about good. ROMANS 8:28

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A PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO FORGIVE ME AND TO CLEANSE ME FROM UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IF I CONFESS MY SINS TO YOU.

You are always faithful to forgive—no matter what I've done. Thank You for accepting my repentance. I confess my sins and I trust You to forgive them. Thank You for allowing me to walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness. JOHN 1:12 | PSALM 51:17

5

A PRAYER FOR HELP

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO FIGHT FOR ME.

I stand still before you, acknowledging that You are God, You are in control, and You are all powerful. Thank You for Your protection. Thank You for Your peace that guards my heart and mind as I trust in You. Thank You for upholding Your promises. EXODUS 14:14 | PHILIPPIANS 4:7

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A PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR PURPOSES THROUGH THE BIBLE.

As I pray for [a specific person or circumstance], I trust that Your Word will perform its transforming work. Your Word is powerful! It teaches what is true and exposes errors. Lord, help me to understand Your truth and equip me for every good work.
ISAIAH 55:11 | 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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A PRAYER FOR WISDOM

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO SUPPLY WISDOM—ALL I MUST DO IS ASK.

So now, Lord, I ask for Your wisdom, knowing that You will provide it. Thank You for giving out of Your abundance, and not according to what I deserve. Thank You, Lord, for Your unfailing promises!
JAMES 1:5 | JOHN 14:13-14

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A PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO ENACT JUSTICE.

One day, Your truth will be proclaimed throughout the world. When the time is right, You will destroy evil forever. I cry out to You as the great Judge who upholds justice and mercy. God, I trust You to avenge the evil that has touched my life. Thank You that final justice is not my responsibility. I will strive to live at peace with everyone, knowing vengeance is Yours. Lord, I trust Your timing, Your power, and Your promises.
PSALM 37:8-9 | ROMANS 12:19

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A PRAYER FOR CLARITY

LORD, YOU PROMISE TO KNOW ME INTIMATELY.

You know the number of hairs on my head. You hold each of my tears in a jar. You know my secrets. You know me better than anyone—better than I know myself! I trust You with all that I am. Lord, will You help me to understand truth? Guide me. Remind me who I am. Give me rest in the knowledge that I am Your child.
MATTHEW 10:30 | PSALM 56:8 | PSALM 44:21

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A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

LORD, YOU PROMISE NEVER TO GROW WEARY.

You supply limitless power to the weak, and You increase the strength of those who need it. Thank You for renewing my strength each day as I trust in You. Lord, teach me to wait on You. Lift me up on the wings of eagles so that I can soar above my circumstances. My to-do list is long, and my trials are great. But You give me strength. You have no rival, no equal. You are the Creator of heaven and earth. Nothing is too much for You!
ISAIAH 40:28-31