"Prayer of Hope" (1)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Heavenly Father

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9)

First Fathers' Failure

<u>Ezekiel 18:2</u> – "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'?"

<u>Leviticus 26:39</u> – "And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity, <u>and also because of the iniquities of their fathers</u> they shall rot away like them."

1 Corinthians 15:22 – "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

<u>Isaiah 63:16</u> – "For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name."

Faithful Father

<u>John 20:17</u> – "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, <u>I am ascending to my Father and your Father</u>, to my God and your God.""

Jesus: "My Father is now Your Father" = Confidence & Hope

<u>Luke 11:11-13</u> – (11) "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; (12) or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? (13) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your

children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

<u>Luke 12:32</u> – "Fear not, little flock, <u>for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."</u>

<u>John 16:23</u> – "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you."

<u>James 1:17</u> – "<u>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father</u> of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Eternal Endowment

<u>1 Peter 1:3-4</u> – (3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (4) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,"

<u>John 14:1-3</u> – (1) "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. (2) <u>In my Father's house are many rooms</u>. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? (3) <u>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."</u>

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

(This message is available for review and sharing at alivein.me)