Prayer **Connection**

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Theme: Praying with hope.

Romans 12:12 NLT

Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying

"I am resting in the confident hope of who you are."

Hope is a word we use in many ways. We say, "I hope you win!" as a child heads into a soccer game. We tell a friend, "I hope you feel better," when they are sick. We may even say, "I hope everything works out," when we experience an uncertain season. Often, the way we use hope sounds more like a spoken wish than a vote of confidence.

Biblical hope is different. It is not wishful thinking or optimism based on achieving a set of perfect circumstances. Biblical hope is a confident expectation rooted in the unchanging character of God and the promises He has already made. Because God is faithful, His people can rejoice even while they wait, enduring trials and challenges with patience, and continue praying when answers do not come quickly.

Romans 12:12 gives us clear instruction for seasons that feel uncertain: rejoice in hope, be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. Hope does not deny hardship. Instead, it anchors us to the truth that God is present, God is good, and God is still at work. When trials come, prayer keeps our hearts connected to Him and reminds us that our confidence rests in who He is, not in what we can control.

Share:

- When you hear the word hope, what do you usually think of first?
- How does the Biblical definition of hope change how you think of it?
- How does Romans 12:12 connect hope, patience, and prayer?
- What situation in your life is asking you to be patient in trouble right now?
- Who could you encourage this week with the hope found in Jesus?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving us a hope that is secure because it is rooted in who you are. When we face uncertainty, disappointment, or trouble, help us rejoice in your faithfulness, wait with patience, and keep praying with trust. Remind us that you are present and at work even when we cannot see it in real time. Teach us to rest in confident hope and to share that hope with others. Amen.

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Suggested Prayer Topics

Pray for yourself. Empty cups do not bring refreshment. It is important to seek God in the scriptures, asking Him to fill us with joy and renew the desire to engage with others so that we can pour into those around us needing the love and hope of Jesus.

- Psalm 51: 10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels and they will return to you.
- Help me, Lord, to seek Your will and walk in Your ways. Forgive me for the ways that I have wronged you and renew my spirit to align closer to Yours. Give me a fresh desire to share Your love with those around me. Amen.

Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.

- 1 Peter 5:2-3 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- Heavenly Father, direct the steps of the Stonecroft board leadership, national staff and volunteers so that Your Kingdom can expand and by working together we can see every woman reconciled to You through Your son, Jesus. Amen.

Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and with the hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- Lord, You know our family and friends. Provide for them and protect them in the way that only You can. Give us the words to encourage them and lead them to You. Amen.

Pray for local Stonecroft Outreach Groups and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.

- Matthew 28: 19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Father, please open doors for Stonecroft volunteers to reach those in desperate need of Your salvation and lovingkindness. Prepare us to receive those who enter our spaces with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

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Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.

- 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
- God, please give our leaders wisdom beyond their own understanding. Would you please direct the steps of each national, state, and local leader to align with Your will. Amen.

Pray for global evangelism. Pray that women everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

- Psalm 67:2 May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.
- Lord, would you make yourself known to women in all parts of the globe in the way that only You can. Help them to understand who Jesus is and that He died and rose from the grave so that they could have eternal life with You. Amen.