

We here at HOPE want to say HAPPY EASTER.

May this season be one where you see, sense and experience again the wonder of the sacrifice of Jesus for us. May you know his resurrection power and the hope that he has called us all to. We pray for you as you have prayed for us:

"May you know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 1:19-20

Thank you so much for your part in HOPE Together. Your prayers make such a difference and we are so grateful to you for your commitment to us.

Happy Easter

Rachel

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- 1st** May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you' (Psalm 20:1). Let's pray for those who are feeling distressed and in need of protection.
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- 2nd** Good Friday - Thank you that you loved me enough to send a perfect sacrifice, so that we could live together eternally.
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- 3rd** We pray for those for whom Easter Saturday, when Jesus was in the grave and no one knew what was coming, has special poignancy this year because they have lost someone.
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- 4th** Jesus is Alive! Praise God for the hope we have on Easter Sunday and every day, because Christ is risen from the dead. Thank God for this wonderful truth.
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- 5th** As churches continue to offer online services, thank God for all those who have looked in on church services and pray that churches will find creative ways to make online connections.
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- 6th** We are thankful for the those sharing and filming Talking HOPE today. We thank God for the stories of hope and that we get to partner with him in all he is doing.
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- 7th** Pray for the Oikos Prayer App in development, that we would use it as a tool to mobilise people to pray for their street and local area.
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- 8th** We pray for the Advance meeting today as they look ahead to mission in 2023/24. We thank God for the team coming together from different organisations and pray for creative ideas to flow.
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- 9th** May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion' (Psalm 20:2). Let's pray that the God of Heaven would support the vulnerable and those in need of help on this day.
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- 10th** 27% of practising Christians say that reading the Bble was a key factor in them coming to faith. Pray that HOPE's resources to help people read the Bible will be well used and bear fruit.
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- 11th** We pray for innovation in youth ministry to reach young people in new ways as lockdown eases further.
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- 12th** Pray for the Hope for All Magazine that has been given out by many churches and individuals, that it would find its way into the right hands and reap a harvest for the kingdom.
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13th	Pray for youth groups as they reach and disciple young people online.
14th	Please pray for Rachel as she speaks to Methodist Church leaders on a webinar about mission planning as we come out of lockdown.
15th	Pray that The Wellbeing Journey and the giveaway Wellbeing booklet will be used by churches to bring communities together and introduce people to God's wellbeing plans.
16th	Please pray for Ann Leitch, the chair of our board, as she and Rachel meet to pray and plan together today.
17th	May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings' (Psalm 20:3). Let's realise that whatever we give to the Lord is never forgotten and is a sweet aroma to him.
18th	Please pray for HOPE Together's funding that people will continue to give generously to enable all that we do.
19th	We pray for all children, young people and teachers as they return to school after the Easter break today. We pray for God's blessing on them and a safe, fruitful new term.
20th	Please pray for the HOPE team today as they gather virtually for their monthly meeting - pray for creativity, wisdom and fun.
21st	Please pray for the ALIVE planning meeting today, that is designing new resources to introduce people to the resurrected Jesus.
22nd	Please pray for our webinar today about easing out of lockdown and helping churches go hybrid. This is in partnership with the Evangelical Alliance and Churches Together in England.
23rd	Please pray for Catherine Butcher, our communications director, who is speaking today on 'embracing God's new opportunities' at BRF's online retreat 'Wells in the Wilderness'.
24th	Prayer Walk 2021: young people prayer walking in their schools, community & virtually online.
25th	Thank God with us for our new patrons Archbishop Justin Welby and Pastor Agu Irukwu and pray that they will know God's presence today.
26th	May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed' (Psalm 20:4). We pray that our hearts would be in tune with his will and pray for success and favour on our plans personally and within HOPE.
27th	Please pray for the HOPE directors meeting today - pray for wisdom and fresh ideas.
28th	May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests' (Psalm 20:5). Let's continue to lift up his banner of love and his name.
29th	Thank God for all the churches that are taking their communities on The Wellbeing Journey. Pray that many people will discover God's plan for their wellbeing.
30th	Amplify: we pray for those applying and those being considered for application.