

HOPE

Our advent devotion this week is based off of “The God of Amazing Gifts,” by Lizzie Laferton and “The Message of Christmas,” by Eugene Peterson.

In a world filled with conflict and suffering, people often lose all hope. The coming of Jesus into this world offers us a clear and real hope that everything wrong in the world will be made right again in the end. And by following Jesus, we can offer hope to others not only for life today but also for the eternal life to come.

1 Peter 1: 3-6

3 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, 4 including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! 5 God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all—life healed and whole.

6 I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime.

Closing Prayer

Life-giving, forever Father, thank you for making us your children. Thank you for giving us the certain hope of life for ever with you. Thank you for promising us an amazing inheritance that can’t be taken away. When we face difficulties or sadness, please remind us about everything we have because of Jesus, now and for ever. Amen.