

A CRY FOR MERCY PART III

RAYS OF HOPE

The Easter season which we have just gone through has been like none other we have every experienced but it did not change the fact that....

Christ is Risen!

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Easter is a time of hope. There still is fear, there is still a painful awareness of sinfulness, but there is also light breaking through. Something new is happening, something that goes beyond the changing moods of our life. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry, but the solid stream of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and hearts. Easter brings awareness that God is present even when His presence is not directly noticed. Easter bring the good news that, although things seem to get worse in this world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm though God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are always rays of hope casting their light on our way through life. *Henri Nouwen..” A Cry For Mercy”: Prayers for the Genesee.*

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

God has always our best interest at heart. He never forgets us or our hopes and dreams. He is at work in our lives at this very moment to bring about the good things in our life that brings us a hopeful future.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

Do not be overcome by the fears that threaten to overwhelm you and me every day. Be courageous in the face of your fear. Be strong as you step into your daily activities. Do all you can and what you can every day because God will never leave you or abandon you.

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Be filled with hope and joy and peace as you trust in our God so that you will overflow with hope towards others in a world that desperately needs signs of hope.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor the strong man in his strength, nor the wealthy man in his riches. But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, who exercises loving devotion, justice and righteousness on the earth—for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

Keep pursuing and deepening your knowledge of God each day and in knowing Him live and grow in hope each day.

Jesus,

Give me the grace to see your hope in all the events of my life and help me to put the evils of this world in perspective knowing that You have the last word in my life not my circumstances. Amen