



A Prayer for Hope

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agree with; to look out for number one at all costs, even if it means using violence . . .

Help us to look for the good in people before we find fault. Help us to listen with an open mind and make sure we understand what others mean to say not just what we expect them to say. Help us look for hopeful signs – young people rejecting violence, neighbors helping neighbors when disaster strikes; entrepreneurs finding simple affordable and sustainable ways provide clean water; cooking options; housing; or power and communication capabilities for people in need; people willing to give their time and resources to help with disaster response or witness for peace in the face of violence. Help us put more time into being kind to others and find ways to make someone else's day better than we spend on our own pleasure and wish fulfillment.

Hope, like peace, can be a fragile thing. Lord, help me be an instrument of both peace and hope so your light can dispel the gloom and doom that threatens to overwhelm our lives and our world.

This week pray for:

The On-going mis-treatment of Children and parents by the government at The U.S. Border. Many of these families are fleeing violence and persecution in Central America. Their safety is not certain if they are returned to their place of origin. The prospects for many of them have not improved. Some are trying to help including a Children's Disaster Team is working with children and families who have been released awaiting a court hearing. Most have not had adequate food or water during weeks or months to reach the border and have then endured the traumas of detention.

Pray for those who are suffering world-wide from the results of our warming climate. Record heat; record rainfall and the resulting flooding; violent storms; and worsening fires are destroying acres of forest, as well as homes, and lives. Just one example: in Greece an entire coastal cliff-side village was destroyed and most residents died when a fast-moving fire trapped people on the cliffs.



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