

## Scripture Reading

### **Romans 8:5-6 (NIV)**

<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

#### 1. A new life

### **1 Peter 1:3-7 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

#### 2. A living hope

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### **Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

### **1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

### **Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### 3. What is prayer?

#### **1 Peter 1:4 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,

#### **Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'