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—Psalms 33:20-22

They that *hope* in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

—Isaiah 40:31

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope.

-Jeremiah.29:11

For in *hope* we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not *hope*. For who *hopes* for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

-Romans 8:24-25

May the God of *hope* fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit —Romans 15:13 Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

—Romans 12:12

1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent On the first Sunday of Advent, the candle symbolizes hope. The entire Advent season is a season of hope and of waiting and anticipation for the Messiah.

Affliction produces endurance, and endurance proven character, and proven character hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 5:3-15