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**Not an ending prayer;
a sending blessing**



*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 [Romans 15:13]*



Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope

[Zechariah 9:12]



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**We get to ... and we do ...
pick our own prison**



What's your prison?



Remember your hope story

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All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

[Romans 3:23]



*Without **hope** and without God in the world*

[Ephesians 2:12]



...since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God ... access by faith into this grace in which we now stand ...

[Romans 5:1,2]



*And we boast in **hope** of the glory of God ...*

[Romans 5:2-5]



*And we boast in **hope** of the glory of God ... And **hope** does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts ...*

[Romans 5:2-5]



**In Jesus, my story is that I have been
bought out of the prison of my story**



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as you trust in him ...*

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*... so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.*



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Release my hope story

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Hope-infused love – put others 1st (Romans 12-15)

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Grace-empowered confidence (2 Corinthians 3:12)

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Faith-filled endurance

(1 Thessalonians 1:3)

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Living From My Future

(Ephesians 1:18)

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Getting Past “I am what I am” Defeat

(1 John 3:3)

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