**Hope - Ponderings**

**So the poor may have hope.**

***(Job 5:18)***

**For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down,**

**that it will sprout again,**

**and that its shoots will not cease.**

***(Job 14:7)***

**And there is hope in your future, says the Lord,**

**and the children shall come back to their own land.**

***(Jeremiah 31:17)***

**Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?**

***(Romans 8:24)***

**Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future. *(Submitted by Guideposts reader Jeannette Lawrensen)***

**It would be foolish not to hope for the best -- but even more foolish to expect it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**There is no better or more blessed bondage but to be a prisoner of hope. *(Roy Z. Kemp, in Measure for Living)***

**Take from me the hope that I can change the future, and you will send me mad. *(Israel Zangwill, English dramatist)***

**Once you choose hope, anything’s possible. *(Christopher Reeve)***

**Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. *(Reinhold Niebuhr, American theologian)***

**It is highly contagious. It banishes gloom and discouragement. Everybody needs it. Wicked men try to kill it. Wise men never hoard it. It can't be bought, not at any price, yet it is worth the whole world. The answer, in a word, is hope. *(Dr. Walter H. Campbell, in The Lion)***

**Never deprive someone of hope; it might be all he or she has. *(Between Us)***

**I really feel like life will dictate itself. When you’re really desperate, you say a few prayers and hope for the best. That’s the way I’ve always lived my life. *(Shania Twain)***

**Hope is a waking dream. *(Aristotle, Greek philosopher)***

**Why hope for a little, when you can just as easily hope for a lot? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonics so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow. *(Orion Swett Marden)***

**Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier. (*E. C. McKenzie)***

**There can be hope only for a society which acts as one big family, and not as many separate ones. *(Anwar Sadat, president of Egypt)***

**Fear cannot be without hope not hope without fear. *(Baruch Spinoza, Dutch philosopher)***

**I am not an optimist, because I am not sure that everything ends well. Nor am I a pessimist, because I am not sure that everything ends badly. I just carry hope in my heart. Hope is a feeling that life and work have a meaning. You either have it or you don’t, regardless of the state of the world that surrounds you. Life without hope is an empty, boring and useless life. I cannot imagine that I could strive for something if I did not carry hope in me. I am thankful to God for this gift. It is as big a gift as life itself. *(Vaclav Havel)***

**Hope is a good thing – maybe the best thing, and no good thing ever dies. *(Stephen King, in The Shawshank Redemption)***

**Humor and knowledge are the two great hopes of our culture. *(Konrad Lorenz)***

**Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything. *(Arabian proverb)***

**Every time a man stands up for an ideal, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. *(Robert Kennedy)***

**I suppose it can be truthfully said that Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity. *(Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer, politician)***

**Just remember, if things look hopeless, maybe you're facing the wrong direction! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**We would not be interested in human beings if we did not have the hope of someday meeting someone worse off than ourselves. *(E. M. Cioran)***

**I bring you a message of hope: I hope you'll pay me what you owe me.  *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**There was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope. *(Bern Williams)***

**Hope, like faith, is nothing if it is not courageous; it is nothing if it is not ridiculous. *(Thornton Wilder)***

**Hope is the gay, skylarking pajamas we wear over yesterday's bruises. *(Benjamin De Casseres)***

**The only thing left in the box after Pandora opened it was hope. *(Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in Are You Kidding Me?, p. 59)***

**Hope is that thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all. *(Emily Dickinson)***

**Hope, not despair, usually triggers revolt. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**There is no hope for the satisfied man. *(Denver Post founder Frederick G. Bonfils)***

**There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them. *(Clare Booth Luce)***

**Hope smiles on the threshold of the year to come, whispering that it will be happier. *(Alfred, Lord Tennyson)***

**The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created spring. *(Bern Williams)***

**Is there any hope for the universe? It may be too early to tell. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A vision without a task is but a dream; a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision and a talk are the hope of the world. *(Seen at a 17th century church in Sussex, England)***

**Everything that is done in the world is done by hope. *(Martin Luther)***

**I know the world is filled with troubles and many injustices. But reality is as beautiful as it is ugly. I think it is just as important to sing about beautiful mornings as it is to talk about slums. I just couldn’t write anything without hope in it. *(Oscar Hammerstein)***

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