

Monday, December 18

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:4-6

Text for Today: Romans 15:13

Emily Dickinson wrote:

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without words,
And never stops at all
And sweetest in the gale is heard.

One of the God given gifts to every life is HOPE.

A new baby cries hoping someone will meet his needs.

A small child runs into the house calling, "Mama" hoping
she will console and bandage a scuffed knee.

A student facing exams hopes that concentration and
review will be helpful.

A speaker approaches the podium and hopes the audience
will accept his message.

Stop and think how many times the word hope is used in your mental
planning and in your vocabulary.

"Hope springs eternal in the heart of all mankind."

Prayer: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as we
prepare for the holy days of the Christmas season. Amen.

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