I believe hope is patient, calm and forgiving. It is a strength that comes within and often strengthens others around you.

God inspires hope from Jesus’ resurrection. By Jesus having faith and hope in God, Jesus was looked after and cared for with nothing but love.

In my life hope appears as small signs of loving acts, friendship, family, a small smile to or from a stranger. It’s all around, but you won’t find it if you look, but in patience it will show itself to you.

because of hope I am moved to motivate myself and in doing so become the best human being in the image of God possible; thus transforming myself and others around me in a never ending reign of God’s glory and love.

Katie Crea

I believe that hope is a transformation of mind, body and soul all encompassing and all empowering leading us to the Kingdom of God and an acceptance of salvation. I believe that everyone harbours hope like God harbours his children awaiting a moment of clarity, divine revelation and love.

God inspires hope through his acts of kindness that are ultimately our acts. Through the sun shining each morning and the moon glowing each night, through a child's first step and a hand held out to someone in need. God inspires hope through prayer, song and communal participation.

In my life hope appears as my family, my triumphs and failures and my smile. It appears as my battles fought and my lessons learned. It appears as God’s love.

Because of hope I am moved to fulfil my destiny, whatever that may be. I am moved to pass on the little things I have learnt as they could be someone else's big things. I am moved to be me to the best of my ability.

Claire Fleming

I believe that hope is all around us. Sometimes we get so caught up in life and only see that bad things and feel hopeless. If we take time to stop, slow down and reflect hope will appear in the places we don’t always remember to look.

In my life, hope appears as people. I find hope in my family, my friends. I find in hope in the innocence of children, the wisdom of older people, and the wisdom of younger people. I find hope in people who journey with passion. In lives that have been and lives that will come “I hope it will be said we taught them to stand tall & proud, even in the face of history & the future was made new & whole for us all, one child at a time.”

Because of hope I am called into relationship with all people, especially those who might at times might feel forgotten by the world. True justice is not achieved by crying out and raising your voice, but by caring for the crushed reed and flickering flame. (Isaiah 42:2-3)

Courtenay Peters
I believe that hope is absolute trust in and surrender to God, knowing that God has my life in God’s hands and lovingly guides me.

God inspires hope through the power of the Holy Spirit working in the world today. The movement of the Spirit is evident to me wherever humans unconditionally love and seek out the best for the other, so that all may live life to the full. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, I know with certainty that evil and hatred can be overcome in the world and we can walk away from death, when we walk the path with Jesus.

In my life hope appears as the immense love and countless, unmerited blessings I receive from family and friends, the beauty I find within creation, and the joy I receive from music. I am also hopeful whenever I see anyone working to overcome boundaries of sex, race, religion, and/or age to love and build peace, showing me that God is here, standing with humanity through all their trials and sufferings, and rejoicing in their happiness.

Because of hope, I am moved to share this joy with others, telling them the Good News of the Gospel message. I strive to show others the realness of salvation through actions of love and compassion, so that they too may come to know God and enjoy the life lived in loving relationship with God and all God’s people.

Emma Baynie

I believe that hope is something that enables me to seek the glass half full. To see the light at the end of the tunnel. And to find some sense of fulfilment in what can be achieved by thoughts and actions with others in my life.

God inspires hope through by the sheer fact that as a part of creation we are his children, and as a mother can never forget her child, neither does God. This gives me hope that God truly loves me and an individual no matter how many people there are in the world, he loves each and every one of us.

In my life, hope appears in many situations. It takes place in the Big and Small things in my life, such as my family and friends and in smaller senses Hope to pass some assignment task that is due.

Because of hope I am moved to be the best human being that I can. And in return I hope to empower others to achieve this kind of fulfilment that can never be broken or destroyed, misused or enslaved. Something that is freely given in no thought that it will be returned, only passed on.

CJ Menezes