

Reflection Tuesday Week 15 2022

Having just survived a government intent on self-destruction, hearing of wars around the world especially in Ukraine, made aware of the abuse of people, young and old even in religious institutions and schools, fed daily with the injustices and cruelty in the world, gunmen shooting people at random, can lead all too easily to the belief that the world is a very dark place with absolutely no hope for the future. Yet even within this barren landscape, devoid of life and goodness, Jesus stands tall and says, trust me, I am your hope for the future. *"Trust me, I am your hope for the future!!"*

"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." "Yes, my soul, finds rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will not be shaken." (Romans 15:13; Psalm 62:5-6)

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3-5