

# Motherhood and God: HOPE

'The only person besides the adolescent more in need of grounding in Christian hope is the parent of the adolescent. The middle aged, notoriously, are afflicted with acedia (a state of listlessness or torpor, of not caring or not being concerned with one's position or condition in the world), and tritese ( a state of melancholy sadness)... and a whole culture functions to manipulate and make a profit out of faded hopes. As parents develop understandings and experiences of hope with their teenagers, they lay the foundations that both of them need and can use to build upon in the future'.

**Eugene Peterson: 'Like Dew your Youth' page 72,73**

- how do we have hope in a time of political and social upheaval? what might we hope for/in as Christians?
- what do you hope for for each of your children at the start of a new term/ chapter?
- what do you hope for yourself at the start of a new term/ chapter?
- is there one simple action you might take that will embody these hopes and turn them into prayer?

'Hope is a response to the future which has its foundation in the promises of God.. but hope is not a doctrine about the future: it is grace cultivated in the present, it is a stance in the present which deals with the future.'

*Eugene Peterson*



'Heritage and Hope' statue, Glasgow

