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Quotes about Hope

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If we hope for what we are not likely to possess, we act and think in vain, and make life a greater dream and shadow than it really is.

- Addison, Joseph

My great hope is to laugh as much as I cry; to get my work done and try to love somebody and have the courage to accept the love in return.

- Angelou, Maya

Hope is the expectation that something outside of ourselves, something or someone external, is going to come to our rescue and we will live happily ever after.

- Anthony, Dr. Robert

Hope is a waking dream.

- Aristotle

Hope is the dream of a waking man.

- Aristotle

Still bent to make some port he knows not where, still standing for some false impossible shore.

- Arnold, Matthew

Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.

- Bacon, Francis

Hope is the parent of faith.

- Bartol, Cyrus A.

Before you give up hope, turn back and read the attacks that were made on Lincoln.

- Barton, Bruce

There is hope for all of us. Well, anyway, if you don't die you live through it, day in, day out.

- Becker, May L.

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

- Borland, Hal

Hope is the best part of our riches.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Man partly is and wholly hopes to be.

- Browning, Robert

But what is Hope? Nothing but the paint on the face of Existence; the least touch of truth rubs it off, and then we see what a hollow-cheeked harlot we have got hold of.

- Byron, Lord

Where there is no vision, there is no hope.

- Carver, George Washington

The phoenix hope, can wing her way through the desert skies, and still defying fortune's spite; revive from ashes and rise.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

To give a generous hope to a man of his own nature, is to enrich him immeasurably.

- Channing, William Ellery

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Every parent is at some time the father of the unreturned prodigal, with nothing to do but keep his house open to hope.

- Ciardi, John

To the sick, while there is life there is hope.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.

- Cohen, Leonard

Of all ills that one endures, hope is a cheap and universal cure.

- Cowley, Abraham

The darkest day, If you live till tomorrow will have past away.

- Cowper, William

Such is hope, heaven's own gift to struggling mortals, pervading, like some subtle essence from the skies, all things both good and bad.

- Dickens, Charles

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul -- and sings the tunes without the words -- and never stops at all.

- Dickinson, Emily

To live without Hope is to Cease to live.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

Neither should a ship rely on one small anchor, nor should life rest on a single hope.

- Epictetus

Hope is both the earliest and the most indispensable virtue inherent in the state of being alive. If life is to be sustained hope must remain, even where confidence is wounded, trust impaired.

- Erikson, Erik H.

That glittering hope is immemorial and beckons many men to their undoing.

- Euripides

He that lives upon hope will die fasting.

- Franklin, Benjamin

If it were not for hopes, the heart would break.

- Fuller, Thomas

Honest winter, snow clad and with the frosted beard, I can welcome not uncordially; but that long deferment of the calendar's promise, that weeping loom of March and April, that bitter blast outraging the honor of May -- how often has it robbed me of heart and hope.

- Gissing, George Robert

Those who hope for no other life are dead even for this.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

In all things it is better to hope than to despair.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The hours that we pass with happy prospects in view are more pleasing than those crowned with success.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

Hope is a pleasant acquaintance, but an unsafe friend.

- Haliburton, Thomas C.

Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.

- Havel, Vaclav

Hope is the best possession. None are completely wretched but those who are without hope. Few are reduced so low as that.

- Hazlitt, William

Let hope inspire you, but let not idealism blind you. Proverb Don't look back, you can never look back.

- Henley, Don

Hope is the only universal liar who never loses his reputation for veracity.

- Ingersoll, Robert Green

Hold your head high, stick your chest out. You can make it. It gets dark sometimes, but morning comes. Keep hope alive.

- Jackson, Jesse

Men and women are limited not by the place of their birth, not by the color of their skin, but by the size of their hope.

- Johnson, John

The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope.

- Johnson, Samuel

Nothing is more hopeless than a scheme of merriment.

- Johnson, Samuel

Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords: but, like all other pleasures immoderately enjoyed, the excesses of hope must be expiated by pain; and expectations improperly indulged must end in disappointment.

- Johnson, Samuel

Amateurs hope, professionals work.

- Kanin, Garson

What can I know? What ought I to do? What can I hope?

- Kant, Immanuel

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

- Kerr, Jean

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life always have been cheerful and hopeful men; who went about their business with a smile on their faces; and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men; facing rough and smooth alike as it came.

- Kingsley, Charles

The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof.

- Kingsolver, Barbara

Hope and fear are inseparable.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Hope is the last thing that dies in man; and though it be exceedingly deceitful, yet it is of this good use to us, that while we are traveling through life it conducts us in an easier and more pleasant way to our journey's end.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

With high hope for the future, no prediction is ventured.

- Lincoln, Abraham

In our sad condition our only consolation is the expectancy of another life. Here below all is incomprehensible.

- Luther, Martin

There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something tomorrow.

- Marden, Orison Swett

Hope is the struggle of the soul, breaking loose from what is perishable, and attesting her eternity.

- Melville, Herman

Hope is a bad thing. It means that you are not what you want to be. It means that part of you is dead, if not all of you. It means that you entertain illusions. It's a sort of spiritual clap, I should say.

- Miller, Henry

Where no hope is left, is left no fear.

- Milton, John

Ah, Hope! what would life be, stripped of thy encouraging smiles, that teach us to look behind the dark clouds of to-day, for the golden beams that are to gild the morrow.

- Moodie, Susanna

The safest hope is in heaven.

- Motto

Man is a victim of dope in the incurable form of hope.

- Nash, Ogden

Hope is nature's veil for hiding truth's nakedness.

- Nobel, Alfred

He who does not hope to win has already lost.

- Olmedo, Jose Joaquin

Take hope from the heart of man and you make him a beast of prey.

- Ouida

I've found that the chief difficulty for most people was to realize that they had really heard new things: that is things that they had never heard before. They kept translating what they heard into their habitual language. They had ceased to hope and believe there might be anything new.

- Ouspensky, Peter Demianovich

My hopes are not always realized, but I always hope.

- Ovid

One measure of a civilization, either of an age or of a single individual, is what that age or person really wishes to do. A man's hope measures his civilization. The attainability of the hope measures, or may measure, the civilization of his nation and time.

- Pound, Ezra

Hopes are but the dreams of those that wake.

- Prior, Matthew

Quit not certainty for hope.

- Proverb

A misty morning does not signify a cloudy day.

- Proverb

He who has health, has hope. And he who has hope, has everything.

- Proverb, Arabian

Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.

- Proverb, English

He that waits for a dead man's shoes may long go barefoot.

- Proverb, French

Hope is the dream of a soul awake.

- Proverb, French

He gains a great deal who loses a vain hope.

- Proverb, Italian

Hope is the last to abandon the unhappy.

- Proverb, Italian

Were it not for hope the heart would break.

- Proverb, Scottish

My only hope lies in my despair.

- Racine, Jean

In the factory we make cosmetics; in the store we sell hope.

- Revson, Charles

Hope, the patent medicine for disease, disaster, sin.

- Rice, Wallace

Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better.

- Rohn, Jim

Hope is like a hairball trembling from its birth...

- Rossetti, Christina

Though you are disappointed is hope; never let hope fail you! Though one door is shut, there are thousands still open to you.

- Ruckett

Extreme hopes are born from extreme misery.

- Russell, Bertrand

Hope is the most sensitive part of a poor wretch's soul; whoever raises it only to torment him is behaving like the executioners in Hell who, they say, incessantly renew old wounds and concentrate their attention on that area of it that is already lacerated.

- Sade, Marquis De

Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so indispensable, none so powerful, as hope. Without hope men are only half alive. With hope they dream and think and work.

- Sawyer, Charles

Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.

- Schuller, Robert H.

Who can hope for nothing, should despair for nothing.

- Seneca

The miserable have no other medicine but only hope.

- Shakespeare, William

He who has never hoped can never despair.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.

- Shelley, Percy Bysshe

Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles.

- Smiles, Samuel

Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Hope is the poor man's bread.

- Thales of Miletus

Hope is a good thing but not if you depend on it solely.

- Unknown, Source

From the withered tree, a flower blooms.

- Unknown, Source

Hope is the golden thread that should be woven into every experience of life.

- Unknown, Source

Our hopes are but memories reversed.

- Unknown, Source

Hope on, and save yourself for prosperous times.

- Virgil

The secret of the true love of work is the hope of success in that work. It is not for the money reward, for the time spent, or for the skill exercised, but for the successful result in the accomplishment of the work itself.

- Weltmer, Sidney A.

Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings.

- Wiesel, Elie

The dead hand of the past must die. We are waking up and that gives me hope that the new age will truly be free and not filled with the lies and democide of the old world order.

- Dye, James

With each passing day, I didn't lose hope. I fought to have more.

- Tan, Amy

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.

- Havel, Vaclav



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