Gracious Lord,

We thank you this morning, Lord, that we have a blessed hope in Christ. Lord, we know that your word to those of the Old Testament looked forward to a coming Messiah that would be their salvation, their hope of eternal righteousness on their behalf. We acknowledge, this Christmas season, that we hold a strong and steadfast hope and faith in the person of Christ who, at one time in history came. We are thankful that Your son, Jesus Christ, was the perfect and obedient son of God who loved the You in all that He did; something we could not do ourselves.

Lord, we too have a future hope to look forward to when you will come again. Your Word says, "Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him" (Hebrews 9:28). We have a future hope to look forward to and are continually being fitted for that coming glory when Your Son returns.

May today be a day of worship for the eternal salvation secured in Christ. May today be a day of encouragement that we are a people saved by Your grace.

In Christ, Amen

