

Opening Prayer – Eternal Hope

God of eternal hope, in this life, death surrounds us.

There are skeletal remains everywhere we turn.

At times, it is easy to feel hopelessness and despair.

We sometimes wonder what chances remain
for renewal and a fresh beginning.

Lord, only you know.

And we believe that you are the God who breathes life into death.

So we wait for you, looking toward tomorrow with hope.

We recall that you love us and are faithful.

Your mercies are new every morning.

In the name of the One who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

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