

The Spirit of Hope

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,

Romans 15:13

so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'



We at Tearfund Ireland are motivated by the deep-rooted hope we have in a God who is bigger than our world's gravest issues, and yet chooses to use us to serve one another in love. Our hope is built on our faith, and this is an encouragement to all of you to continue hoping when you cannot see the end result, and continue to put your faith in a God who is Love Incarnate.

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'Lord, open our eyes to see that the fruit of life comes when we plant seeds of hope among those whom the world rejects'⁹

'God of discontent, you are not satisfied with the present state of the world – and you expect us not to be satisfied with it either. Teach us to identify with the suffering of Jesus in this world and so to live into the blessing you desire for us and for all. Amen'¹⁰



⁹ Shane Claiborne, *Common Prayer: A Liturgy For Ordinary Radicals*

¹⁰ Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent* Page 49.