"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation…" 1 Peter 1:3-5

Praise for Salvation

Father, we praise you with tears of gratitude, welled up from deep within, by the wondrous grace, mercy and saving truth that you have provided. With every breath, every beat of our heart may our thoughts be of overwhelming thanksgiving and praise for your gift of Salvation. You have made a way for sinful man, through faith alone by the substitutionary atonement, the perfect sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, to be reconciled to God. We are grateful for the bread and the cup of Communion that keeps our focus on the price paid for our redemption, welcoming the bright rays of grace and peace that followed that storm of suffering, as welcomed and appreciated as the rainbow for those who acknowledge the cost, the justice of God, judged righteously, which demanded the penalty of death for our sins allowing for the heart of the Gospel, the forgiveness of sins. We have been delivered, yes rescued, our eyes opened to the impending danger, lusts and deceptions of this passing world's system, in which so many are unknowingly trapped. We are redeemed from sin's dominance in our lives because by faith we have been forgiven, transformed and saved - now and forever, blessed with the Holy Spirit as a compass to guide and direct us throughout our lives. Lord, we are pleased, and so grateful, that your Word has shown that Jesus came into this world to save sinners of which we all are. It is the extent of your grace and mercy which abounds beyond our worst sins for which we give you glory. No one is beyond your merciful redemption except the one who continues to reject God's Gospel message and continue down the broad road to destruction, not realizing their eternal destiny, separated from your light and love, exiled to darkness and despair forever, the consequences of their inherited sinful nature without the forgiveness of God, left to travel through this life on their own. Your word of truth has settled in our hearts, assuring us of our security as opposed to being lost, purposeless, living a life of shifting sands without the guidance, safety and security of the Rock. Yes Lord, we have settled on your truth and now stand established, secured and anchored, moving forward with confidence down life's many roads, knowing our future destination, our home, is not of this world. Father, we thank you for your marvelous plan of Salvation. Though once dead in sin, through Christ, we have been allowed to return to you as sons and daughters, heirs of salvation, co-heirs with Christ. Jesus, we praise you for loving us, and in obedience through suffering, sacrificing yourself for the joy of eternal fellowship with your own. You have given us assurance we shall never be subject to condemnation for our sins for your life-giving Spirit has freed us from God's wrath that is sure for those who refuse the many opportunities to seek you and accept the precious gift offered. Lord, we ask to be used as your instruments, assisting all in understanding Salvation, reconciliation of man to God through repentance of sin and seeking forgiveness for those sins, and Salvation's cost, the suffering, sacrificial death of Jesus, God the Son, crucified on the cross in our place with His Resurrection showing the sacrifice was accepted. Understanding that Salvation brought God's grace to us all, including joy, peace, the imputed righteousness of Christ, having our sins forgiven, a totally transformed life, our guilt removed, washed clean with a clear conscience, with hope (expectation) of heaven, and the mind of Christ which gives us the true perspective of this gift of life we have been given. Through prayer we have been allowed and encouraged to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy (not getting what we do deserve) and find grace (getting what we do not deserve) in order to obtain help in time of need, available only through Jesus Christ our Redeemer to whom we give all Praise.

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 1:24, 25