

The PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

BASED ON JOHN BUNYAN'S
EPIC MASTERPIECE



Creed of Hope

I believe in God.

The God of all creeds, with all their truths.

But, above all, in the God that rises from the dead words to become part of life.

I believe in God that accompanies me along every step of my path on this earth, many times walking behind me, watching me and suffering with my mistakes, other times walking beside me, talking to me and teaching me, and other times walking ahead of me, guiding and marking my pace.

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus
Christ,
the God who lived in my skin and tried on my
shoes,
the God who walked in my ways, and knows of
lights and shadows.
the God who ate and starved, who had a home
and suffered loneliness,
who was praised and condemned, kissed and
spat on, loved and hated.
the God who went to parties and funerals,
the God who laughed and cried.
I believe in the God who is attentive today,

who looks at the world and sees the hatred
that segregates, divides, sets people aside,
hurts and kills,
who sees the bullets piercing the flesh, and
the blood of innocent people flowing on the
earth,
who sees the hand that dips into another's
pocket, stealing what somebody needs to eat,
who sees the judge that favours the highest
bidder, the truth and justice of hypocrites,
who sees the dirty rivers and the dead fish,
the toxic substances destroying the earth and
piercing the sky

who sees the future mortgaged and man's debt growing.

I believe in God who sees all this and keeps on crying.

But I also believe in God

who sees a mother giving birth - a life born from pain,

who sees two children playing - a seed growing,

who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning,

who sees three crazy women clamouring for justice - an illusion that doesn't die



who sees the sun rising every morning - a
time of opportunities.

I believe in God who sees all this and laughs,
because, in spite of it all, there is hope.

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**Lord Jesus Christ you have put your life
into our hands.**

Now we put our lives into yours.

Take, renew and remake us.

**What we have been is past,
what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us.**

Lead us on, take us with you.

Amen