

Open Heavens 10 July 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 10 July 2026 devotional for today is CHRIST IN YOU

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TOPIC: CHRIST IN YOU

MEMORISE:
To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
Colossians 1:27

READ: Acts 16:19-34

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers,
20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.
22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.
23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.
25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every oneâ??s bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.
29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,
30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.
33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 10 JULY 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

The first time I visited the Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison was in 1975. I went there with an elderly pastor, and we saw a young man playing the piano and dancing joyfully. I asked the elderly pastor whether the young man was about to be released, and he responded that the man didnâ??t have any hope of being released because he was serving a life sentence. I then asked the pastor why the young man was so joyful despite his circumstances, and he replied that the man was joyful because he had met Jesus Christ while in prison.

Beloved, if you are going through a bad situation, ! want you to know that no matter how bad it is, you have a reason to rejoice as long as you have Jesus. Todayâ??s memory verse says that Christ in you is the hope of glory. When Christ is in a fellow, no matter what he or she is facing, such a fellow has hope for a glorious future.

A songwriter once wrote a song that says, â??I am glad I belong to Jesus.â?• Another songwriter wrote, â??Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.â?• These should be your declarations as a believer, even when the enemy knocks you down. Proverbs 24:16 says that the righteous may fall seven times, but they will surely rise again. This means that negative situations cannot keep you down permanently.

When the devil arranged for Jesusâ?? crucifixion and death, he thought he had won. However, 1 Corinthians 2:8 tells us that if the princes of this world had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. Had they known that Jesusâ?? death would be their utter destruction, they would have tried to prevent Him from dying. In todayâ??s Bible reading, the devil thought he had succeeded in shutting Paul and Silas up by getting them arrested. He didnâ??t know that God needed them to be in prison so they could show the jailer and his household the way to salvation. The devilâ??s attempts to make you fall will only lead to God being glorified in your life.

Child of God, are you going through a tough and uncertain situation? Rejoice because Christ in you is your hope of glory. Donâ??t despair or be discouraged. Rest assured that whatever you are passing through will give God a platform to announce His glory in your life, so long as you remain in Christ. May Christ indeed reveal His glory in your life, in Jesusâ?? name.

KEY POINT

As long as you have Christ in you, you have every reason to rejoice.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Ecclesiastes 1-4

Open Heavens HYMN 10: IN CHRIST ALONE

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 10 JULY 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Colossians 1:27

> *â??To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.â?•*

This verse unveils the greatest mystery of the Christian faith. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because it reveals that your hope does not come from favorable circumstances, material possessions, or human connectionsâ??it comes from *Christ in you*.

BIBLE READING: Acts 16:19-34

This passage records the dramatic account of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail.

The Man in Kirikiri Prison: A Life Sentence, Yet Full of Joy

1. The First Visit to Kirikiri Maximum Security Prison (1975)

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the man didnâ??t have any hope of being released because he was serving a life sentence.â?•

Consider the contrast:

The Manâ??s Circumstances	The Manâ??s Demeanor
Serving a life sentence (no hope of release)	Playing the piano joyfully
Locked in maximum security prison	Dancing with abandon
Humanly speaking, his future was over	Behaving like a free man
No earthly reason for joy	Overflowing with supernatural joy

â??I then asked the pastor why the young man was so joyful despite his circumstances, and he replied that the man was joyful because he had met Jesus Christ while in prison.â?•

What the Man Did Not Have	What the Man Did Have
Freedom to leave the prison	Christ in him
A release date	The hope of glory
Comfortable circumstances	Unshakable joy
Human reason to celebrate	Divine reason to celebrate

He had met Jesus. That was enough. The walls did not matter. The life sentence did not matter. The chains did not matter. Christ in him was the hope of gloryâ??and that hope produced joy that no prison could contain.

The Theology of Hope: Christ in You

â??Beloved, if you are going through a bad situation, I want you to know that no matter how bad it is, you have a reason to rejoice as long as you have Jesus. Todayâ??s memory verse says that Christ in you is the hope of glory. When Christ is in a fellow, no matter what he or she is facing, such a fellow has hope for a glorious future.â?•

Without Christ	With Christ
No hope in suffering	Hope of glory in suffering
Circumstances determine joy	Christ determines joy
Prison is the end	Prison is a platform
Life sentence is hopeless	Life sentence cannot touch the soul

â??A songwriter once wrote a song that says, â??I am glad I belong to Jesus.â?? Another songwriter wrote, â??Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.â?? These should be your declarations as a believer, even when the enemy knocks you down.â?•

Declarations of Hope	Why You Can Declare Them
â??I am glad I belong to Jesusâ?•	Your identity is not in your circumstances
â??Because He lives, I can face tomorrowâ?•	His resurrection guarantees your future
â??This too shall passâ?•	Suffering is temporary; Christ is eternal
â??My glory is comingâ?•	Christ in you is the guarantee

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The Worldâ??s Pattern	The Believerâ??s Pattern
Fall once, stay down	Fall seven times, rise seven times
Defeated by circumstances	Victorious over circumstances
Permanent despair	Temporary setback, permanent hope

The Devilâ??s Miscalculation: His Attacks Become Godâ??s Platform

1. The Crucifixion: Satanâ??s Greatest Defeat

â??When the devil arranged for Jesusâ?? crucifixion and death, he thought he had won. However, 1 Corinthians 2:8 tells us that if the princes of this world had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. Had they known that Jesusâ?? death would be their utter destruction, they would have tried to prevent Him from dying.â?•

1 Corinthians 2:8 â?? *â??Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.â?•*

What Satan Thought	What Actually Happened
He was killing Jesus	He was fulfilling prophecy
He was winning a victory	He was sealing his own defeat
The cross was defeat	The cross was the means of salvation
Death was the end	Resurrection was the beginning

The devilâ??s greatest weapon (death) became the instrument of his own destruction. Jesus died, rose again, and took the keys of hell and death. Satan thought he had won. He had never been more wrong.

2. The Philippian Prison: Satanâ??s Second Miscalculation

â??In todayâ??s Bible reading, the devil thought he had succeeded in shutting Paul and Silas up by getting them arrested. He didnâ??t know that God needed them to be in prison so they could show the jailer and his household the way to salvation.â?•

The Devilâ??s Plan	Godâ??s Plan
Silence Paul and Silas through arrest	Use their imprisonment to reach the jailer
Discourage them through suffering	Use their midnight praise to shake the prison
Hide the gospel from Philippi	Send the gospel to the jailerâ??s household

What the Devil Saw	What God Was Doing
Beaten, bruised, in stocks	Preparing a testimony
Locked in the inner prison	Positioning them for the jailer
Silenced (he thought)	Amplifying their witness

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang hymns. They did not complain. They did not despair. They praised. And God sent an earthquake that:

- Shook the foundations
- Opened all the doors
- Loosed every chain
- Opened the jailerâ??s heart

â??The devilâ??s attempts to make you fall will only lead to God being glorified in your life.â?•

The Devil Intends	God Uses
To destroy you	To refine you
To silence you	To give you a louder testimony
To imprison you	To set others free through your witness
To defeat you	To display His glory in you

What the Man in Kirikiri Prison Understood

The young man serving a life sentence understood what many free people do not: **Christ in you is enough.**

What He Understood	What It Means for You
Prison walls cannot separate him from Christ	Your circumstances cannot separate you from His love
A life sentence cannot steal his hope	No situation is hopeless with Christ inside you
He could still praise while locked up	Your praise is not dependent on your freedom
His joy was not tied to his release date	Your joy is not tied to your breakthrough

If a man serving a life sentence can play the piano and dance with joy, what excuse do you have for despair? If he can rejoice with no hope of earthly freedom, how much more can you rejoice with the hope of eternal glory?

How to Maintain Hope When Circumstances Are Dark (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and the examples of Paul, Silas, and the man in Kirikiri Prison, here is how to keep Christ as your hope of glory:

1. Recognize That Your Circumstances Are Not Your Identity

The man in prison was not defined by his cell. He was defined by Christ in him. You are not your problem. You are not your failure. You are not your diagnosis. You are a carrier of Christ.

2. Praise Before the Earthquake

Paul and Silas did not praise *after* the earthquake; they praised *at midnight* while still in chains. The earthquake came *because* they praised. Do not wait for the breakthrough to praise. Praise until the breakthrough comes.

Before the Earthquake	After the Earthquake
Paul and Silas sang hymns	The jailer and his household were saved
They praised in chains	The chains fell off
They worshipped in the dark	The prison doors opened

3. Refuse to Believe the Devilâ??s Lie That This Is the End

The devil wants you to think that your current situation is final. It is not. The righteous fall seven times and rise again. This setback is a setup for a comeback. This prison is a platform for a testimony.

4. Look for the Hidden Purpose in Your Pain

Why was Paul and Silasâ??s imprisonment necessary? To reach the jailer. Why is your current trial necessary? There may be someone watchingâ??someone who needs to see how a Christian responds to suffering. Your witness in the trial may be the key to someone elseâ??s salvation.

5. Declare Your Hope Aloud

Do not keep your hope silent. Declare:

- â??Christ in me is the hope of gloryâ?•
- â??Because He lives, I can face tomorrowâ?•
- â??I am glad I belong to Jesusâ?•
- â??This trial will end in Godâ??s gloryâ?•

Warning: Do Not Let Your Prison Steal Your Song

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries a sobering warning: it is possible to be free physically but imprisoned in your spirit by despair.

The Physically Free Prisoner	The Physically Imprisoned Free Man
Out of jail but bound by worry, fear, depression	In jail but joyful because Christ is in him
Has freedom of movement but no freedom of spirit	Has no movement but complete freedom of spirit
Complains about inconveniences	Sings in the darkest dungeon

Which one are you? Are you free but miserable? Or are you in a difficult situation but full of hope because Christ is in you?

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Hope and Glory

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that Christ will reveal His glory in your life. Do not despair. Do not give up. Christ in you is the hope of glory.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You that You live in me. I thank You that Christ in me is the hope of glory. Forgive me for the times I have allowed my circumstances to steal my joyâ??when I have despaired as if I had no hope, when I have complained as if You were not with me. Today, I remember the man in Kirikiri Prisonâ??serving a life sentence, yet playing the piano and dancing with joy. If he could rejoice in that prison, I can rejoice in mine. I declare: I am glad I belong to Jesus. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. I will not despair. I will not be discouraged. Whatever I am going through, You will use it as a platform to announce Your glory. The devil meant it for evil, but You will turn it for good. I will praise at midnight. I will sing in the stocks. And the earthquake is coming. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Prison Audit:** Identify one area of your life where you feel â??imprisonedâ?•â??a difficult situation, a chronic problem, a seemingly hopeless circumstance. Ask God: *What if this prison is actually a platform for Your glory?*
2. **The Midnight Praise Practice:** This week, at a time when you feel most discouraged, deliberately stop and praise. Sing a hymn. Declare Godâ??s goodness. Do not wait for the feeling; praise by faith.
3. **The Hope Declaration:** Write Colossians 1:27 on an index card: *â??Christ in me, the hope of glory.â?•*Place it where you will see it every morning. Every time you see it, say aloud: *â??I have hope because Christ lives in me. My future is glorious, no matter my present.â?•*

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