

Hold On To Jesus

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I have come to this ocean
And the waves of fear are starting to grow
The doubts and questions are rising with the tide
So I'm clinging to the one sure thing I know

Chorus:

I will hold on to the hand of my Savior
And I will hold on with all my might
I will hold loosely to things that are fleeting
And hold on to Jesus
I will hold on to Jesus for life

I've tried to hold many treasures
They just keep slipping through my fingers like sand
But there's one treasure that means more than breath
itself
So I'm clinging to it with everything I am

(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge:

Like a child holding on to a promise
I will cling to His word and believe
As I press on to take hold of that
for which Christ Jesus took hold of me

(Repeat Chorus)

A Prayer for the Embassy Bombings

Pastor: O God of Peace and Security, we remember the words of your prophet Isaiah, who says that lack of justice and the works of evil displease you. We join in the suffering of those in Kenya and Tanzania, who have lost loved ones from the terrible events of the past few days.

People: For those families who grieve and mourn, we ask for blessings on their tears, companionship for lonely days, and holy peace within their lives.

Pastor: The event is still a mystery to us. We do not know who is responsible or what their motivation was. All that we see is the destruction that has resulted from an evil heart, and people who cry out for justice.

People: Be swift in giving both justice and mercy to those who are wicked in spirit, O God. Transform the hateful hearts of those who do evil, and spread peace throughout the land.

Pastor: As we see the images on television and in the newspaper, we struggle for answers. Why must evil and hatred exist in this world? These questions are too hard for us to answer.

People: Be gracious in offering us wisdom and guidance. Empower the leaders of Kenya, Tanzania, and the United States, to restore the dignity of life and human worth.

Pastor: And help us cope in times of helplessness, when violence seems to run rampant and destruction occurs around us.

People: Remind us that you are our sure protection, a mighty fortress in troubling times.

Pastor: And now hear us in these moments of silence, as we remember the victims and continue in this morning's prayer.