

It isn't the way we formulate our words that is important, but it is important that our prayer be sincere, for the Lord looks on our hearts and responds to that cry.

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I know now that you died on the cross for my sins. I pray that you will forgive me for my sins of which I now repent. Make me the person that you want me to be Lord, and help me daily to live my life for you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

The Holy Spirit is given to those who accept Jesus Christ into their hearts. **(Ephesians 5:18)** We cannot be effective Christians in our own power, and we need the Holy Spirit to guide, teach, and empower us for Christian service. This is not wildfire emotionalism, but it is God for Himself living in you through the Holy Spirit and filling every part of your life that you make available to Him. It is the Holy Spirit doing things for God through your life that you never could do by yourself.

Remember to be faithful and unwavering in your allegiance to your Lord. Satan will try to discourage you, but keep looking to the Lord Jesus Christ and believing Him for victory over discouragement and temptations. He is our help in time of trouble, our strength in time of weakness.

After reading this paper, in concern for my spiritual commitment, I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.

Signed _____

Date _____

Here Is Your Answer

If God has been speaking to you through the study of His Word, the following information will interest you. It gives the answer to a very important question.

Everyone is travelling the road of life and because of estrangement from God through sin does not know full joy in life. He has no peace in his heart and has many problems. Some of these sins are known only to God. He knows all our thoughts and desires.

God hates sin but He loves you very much. God says in His Word, **(Romans 3:23)** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

Sin separates us from God. *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hid His face from you."* **(Isaiah 59:2)** God says *"The wages of sin is death."* **(Romans 6:23)**

What about the future? Physical death is not the end. *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment."* **(Hebrews 9:27)** No one wants to die an eternal death. Many people hope that by doing good works they can avoid the punishment for their sins. But God who loves us says that such efforts are useless. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest anyone should boast."* **(Ephesians 2:8,9)**

Church membership, penance, baptism, giving to the poor, observing holy days—none of these good things can pay the penalty for sin. God says, *"All our righteousness are like filthy rags."* **(Isaiah 64:6)** There is no good work which God will accept as payment for sin. He cannot forgive sin until the penalty is paid.



What then is God willing to accept as payment for sin? God is willing to accept what His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has done to save man from sin. And what has Christ done?

1. **He has taken your sin on Himself.** *“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree.” (1 Peter 2:24)*
“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
2. **He was separated from God for us.** When He hung on the cross (made sin for us) His Father, God turned away from Him. God is holy and cannot look on sin. Jesus cried, *“My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)* It was our sins that separated Him from His father.
3. **He died.** *“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)* *“The just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18)* Jesus’ death paid the penalty for your sin.
4. **Christ rose again from the grave a living Savior.** Today He is alive. God has accepted what Jesus Christ did. Your sins are either on you or on Jesus. The choice is yours to make. You can have eternal life right now by accepting Jesus Christ into your heart. You ask, “How can this be done?” You must accept what Jesus Christ has done for you. *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12)*

No other person can save you; no church can save you; you cannot save yourself. Only Jesus Christ can save you. He has done everything He can to save you. **Will you accept Him for yourself today?** He says, *“Behold I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door (of your heart), I will come in to him.” (Revelation 3:20)* When Christ comes into your heart He comes to stay.

The problem of your sin is solved. *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)*

After you receive Christ and your problem of sin is solved, peace comes to your heart. You are born again by receiving Christ as your personal Savior. Though difficulties will come, joy and help can always be found in Christ.

There are four important things which belong with following Christ and living for Him:

1. Reading and studying the Bible is necessary. This is like eating. To understand and use the Word of God helps you to grow. It helps you in the battle against sin and doubt.
2. Prayer is needed, just like breathing. A person who has received Christ can talk to God at any time and any place.
3. Give praise and thanksgiving to God often. The Bible tells us we must confess Christ openly before others that we belong to Him. **(Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33)** You will be very eager to tell others about the wonderful transformation that has taken place in your life.
4. With Bible study and prayer must come obedience. This shows that you love the Lord and are willingly following His commands. Actions and attitudes must be under the control of Christ. When His words are obeyed, you will want to tell others about God and what He has done for you. Many still do not know Christ and you must tell them.

If you are sincerely seeking the Lord for your life, pray the following prayer or use your very own words in prayer to God and He **will** hear and answer your prayer.