

By praying the following prayer, you can start to be right or return to being right with God. If you pray this prayer and then follow up with this commitment with God, you should have the assurance that you will go to heaven when you die. The follow-up that must be given is: 1) trying to follow the Lord Jesus by giving up the sins that keep us out of heaven; 2) continuing in contact with God through daily prayer in the name of Jesus Christ; 3) studying the Bible, which is the Word of God, with frequency; and 4) giving our best effort to apply what we study in the Bible.

The scriptures upon which this prayer is based are copied below. In addition, scriptures to support the follow-up steps, which are need to keep our salvation and always stay close to the Lord Jesus, are also listed.

May you be blessed as you enjoy a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and as you get ever closer to Him.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, based on Romans 10:9-10, I believe with all my heart that You raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Lord Jesus, I accept You as my Lord, the person who directs my life. Based on Acts 17:30, I ask You to forgive me for my mistakes. I especially ask You to bless me to forgive others because Your Word says in Mark 11:25-26 that You cannot forgive me if I do not forgive. Bless me to remember that forgiving does not have to mean that I trust the person who hurt me; however, it does mean that I wish the person all the best, that I will help the person in any way I can, and that I only want the person to be judged by God if the person refuses to change and do what is good. Based on Matthew 24:13, I ask You, Lord Jesus, to bless me to follow You forever so that I can always be with You, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. Based on John 16:23-24, I ask all these things in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

Scriptures Mentioned in the Prayer

Romans 10:9-10: that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Acts 17:30: Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Matthew 24:13: But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

John 16:23-24: “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Scriptures Related to the Follow-up After Saying the Prayer

1) Leaving Behind the Most Serious Sins:

Galatians 5:19-21: Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[a]adultery, ^[b]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 5:11: But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor ^[a]homosexuals, nor ^[b]sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8: But the cowardly, ^[a]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Mark 11:25-26: “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶ ^[a]But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

2) Daily Prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ:

1 Thessalonians 5:17: Pray without ceasing.

John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

3) Frequently Studying the Bible: **Joshua 1:8:** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you^[a] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

4) Applying What We Study in the Bible to Our Lives: **James 1:22:** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.