

What your prayer means

You have sincerely asked Jesus Christ to be your personal Lord and Savior. This means:

HEAVENLY FATHER: God, the Creator of our life is also our loving Heavenly Father.

JESUS: Historically, about 2000 years ago, a baby was born in Bethlehem of Judea. The angel of God gave through His foster father, Joseph, the name Jesus meaning: the Savior, "because he will save his people from their sins." Jesus came from the Heavenly Father. He and the Father are one.

CHRIST: The Anointed One. When the Jews commissioned someone to be king, priest or prophet, they anointed him with oil. Christ is a Greek word and Messiah is a Hebrew word meaning the same: the One that is sent. Jesus was sent to accomplish salvation. He is the King, the Priest and the Prophet. King: Being the Creator, He is the King of kings. Priest: He prays for us. Prophet: He conveys the truth of the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE TRUE CREATOR: God in the Bible means "the Mighty One," the source of all energy. Only the True Creator of the universe is the True God. All things were created by Him and belong to Him. There is no other God. He is the source of life and the Creator of our life. He is also the Lord of heaven and earth.

COME DOWN TO EARTH TO BECOME MAN: From His place of glory in Heaven, Jesus willingly came down to earth to become man because He loves the people of the world. Though He took upon Himself our human body of sin, He was without sin. The

historicity of Jesus is undeniably evident in the division of the common era we see every day.

JESUS LOVES ME: Jesus' birth, His whole life and especially His substitutional death demonstrated His love to us.

TO DIE FOR MY SINS UPON THE CROSS: His friends and foes admitted that He had no sin. He died for our wrong-doings using Himself as the sacrifice, the righteous for the unrighteous. THE CROSS was a cruel death penalty in history. The victim hanged on the cross dying slowly for days. The way Jesus would die was predicted 1000 yr before. He would be raised up, pierced in the hands and feet, joints dislocated, but not a bone would be broken.

TO SHED YOUR PRECIOUS BLOOD AND RID ME OF GUILT: By shedding His blood, Jesus established an unchangeable new covenant. Whoever confesses that Jesus bled for him will be cleansed by God according to this covenant. By Jesus' blood and through man's belief, God's righteousness is manifested justifying those that believe in Jesus. Jesus is the sacrificial lamb.

TO RISE FROM THE DEAD: Jewish historian of the time, Josephus, and Roman historian, Pliny the Elder, neither one of them friends of Jesus, both objectively recorded the death and resurrection of Jesus. There were also many eyewitnesses to His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. Historically Jesus is the only person that has resurrected and does not die again.

TO GIVE ME A NEW LIFE: The resurrection of Jesus showed Him to be the Lord of Life, overcoming the power of sin, that is, death. He is the eternal God, Creator of life. Those in Jesus Christ, will also rise from the dead overcoming death. Therefore, if any one is

in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

PLEASE COME INTO MY HEART: That is, my whole being.

I WANT YOU: The Creator respects your freedom of choice, but when you sincerely invite Him to come in, He will.

BE MY LORD AND SAVIOR: To save me from the bondage of sin, the power of Satan into His marvelous light. He is greater than all, no one can snatch us out of His hand. He is also the Lord of our life.

FORGIVE MY SINS: Sin is not reaching the standard the Creator had set for us. All cars have the manufacturer's specifications. So there is a blue print for our lives set by the Creator. Not operating the car according to the manufacturer's instruction causes problems, so it is with our lives when we do not operate according to the law of the Creator. The damages caused by this error have to be repaired.

THE SIN OF ONLY TRUSTING MYSELF AND NOT TRUSTING YOU: Self-centeredness, deciding by what we think and selfishness and not what we were designed to do is the root of all problems in this world.

ETERNAL LIFE: This is God's life. It transcends time and is therefore eternal. It enables us to enjoy living in God's realm, the realm of infinite energy. Without God's life, we suffer the condemnation of eternal fire in His presence.

AND LET YOUR WONDERFUL PLAN BE FULFILLED IN ME: Now we want to discover from God's word, the Bible, what His design for us is, because this is the best.

LOVE: God is love. Jesus loves me. The relationship I establish with Him is that of love.

PEACE: The peace that the Lord Jesus gives is not like that of the world. It is a peace that overcomes the world even in the face of trouble, and it surpasses all understanding.

JOY: The joy that Jesus gives is fulfilling, not taken away glorious and beyond words.

HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who leads us into all truth, teaches us all things and reminds us of everything Jesus has said to us. He is the third Person of the Godhead. The mystery that God is One but has three Persons is beyond our understanding. At baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", "name" is singular.

TO GUIDE MY WAYS: Who knows his future? The loving Creator says: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

BLESS MY FAMILY: God established the family for us, for help, for love and blessings. However, many families had become battlefields and places of suffering. We want to rebuild the family according to the plan of the Creator.

AND FILL IT WITH YOUR LOVE: By ourselves, we do not know what is love. With God's life in us and after experiencing His love, we would know what love is: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

IN YOUR PRECIOUS NAME: Jesus promised: You may ask me for anything in my

name, and I will do it. This means coming under His name and according to His will.

AMEN: Truthfully and faithfully. I truthfully say this prayer and I believe Jesus is faithful and true.

EXPERIENCING GOD: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." "But if anyone obeys God's word, God's love is truly made complete in him."

READING GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE: This is God's manual for our life. Start by reading the Gospel to be familiar with the life of Jesus. Ask God to give you at least one practical lesson to learn from the chapter and think on it and apply it the whole day. Then go on to read the entire Bible as many times as possible. Read God's word **EVERYDAY.**

COMMUNICATE WITH GOD, PRAYING: Praying is just talking to God. Every day, you want to commit your life to Him, presenting your body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Then, all day, continue to cast all of your cares unto God, for He cares for you and He will give you peace, joy, strength and guidance.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

Your Brother/Sister, William and Esther.

ABOUT YOUR PRAYER OF ACCEPTING CHRIST

"ASKING JESUS CHRIST TO COME INTO MY HEART"

*Heavenly Father, I praise You..
Dear Lord Jesus, I thank You.
For You are the True Creator,
but You have come down to earth
to become a man, to tell me that You love me,
to die for my sins upon the cross,
to shed Your precious blood
and rid me of guilt,
to rise from the dead and give me a new life.
I want You, dear Lord Jesus.
Please come into my heart.
Be my Lord and Savior and forgive my sins:
the sin of only trusting myself
and not trusting You.
Please give me eternal life, that is, Your life.
Take control of my life,
and let Your wonderful plan
be fulfilled in me.
Let me experience Your love, Peace, and joy.
Grant me the Holy Spirit to guide my ways.
Bless my family and fill it with Your love.
This I pray in Your precious name,
Dear Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*