

Salvation Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

I come before you with a grateful heart. Grateful because I know now that you came to love me, heal me and save me. I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that you died for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life!

So, I come before you surrendered asking for your forgiveness and accepting you into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior forever.

Please show me how.

In Jesus Name I pray.

Amen.

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Romans 10:9-10



Things a New Christian should know

Congratulations! You have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. This is the greatest and wisest decision you have ever made for yourself. As a new Christian, you are starting a new life spiritually. This will call for some changes in your daily life and you will need help along the way. Like a new born baby, you will grow in Christ gaining knowledge of God, learning daily the regimen and lifestyle of a good Godly follower of Jesus Christ.

Here are a few things, in no particular order, that will help shape and guide you along the way.

*Grace for The Nations
Church*

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Establish a prayer life



Jeremiah 29:12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will hear you.

Prayer is the most powerful tool we as Christians have been gifted with. It gives us an opportunity to build a solid and intimate relationship with God. Every Christian should establish a habit of praying to spend time with God. If you are not sure how to pray, make your prayer a prayer of thanksgiving and as you grow as a Christian your prayers should build into other areas.

Tips to Consider regarding Prayer:

1. **Pray God's Word in your prayers**
It's good practice to pray God's word in your prayers. Doing so, will keep you on track with praying according to his will.
2. **Find a quiet place to pray**
Distractions can ruin your prayer time. Make sure you have a quiet place to interact with God.
3. **Learn to pray out loud**
This is crucial, it allows you to hear your voice as you pray. If you are ever called upon to pray publically, you will be better prepared.

4. Whenever possible pray with others
Remember, prayer is not a competition, praying with others opens you up to praying for others. It can also be a tool to strengthen you.
5. Embrace your prayer style
Be yourself, don't try to pray like someone else. As long as it's from the heart, it has purpose.
6. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead your prayer
This does not mean speaking in tongues. This means getting in the presence of God and making yourself available to what he is saying.
7. Pray honest prayers
God knows your heart, don't try to skirt around issues with him.
8. Establish a daily prayer time
Life can get busy, before we know it the day has come and gone and we only prayed our morning prayer. Set a time to go before God during the day.
9. Never stop praying
There is never a time or a situation not to pray. Pray without ceasing.

Read Your Bible Daily



Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

We believe that the bible is the inspired and infallible written word of God. Reading the bible helps us learn who God is. It also helps us to grow closer to him as we come to know how he operates. Just like prayer, every Christian should establish a daily time dedicated to reading the bible.

Below is a list of a few versions of the bible that may interest you.

1. King James Version (KJV) – Archaic language that many people do not understand
2. Common English Bible (CEB) – Is a comfortable reading level for the majority of English readers.
3. New International Version (NIV) – Is often clear and easy to read
4. New American Standard Bible (NASB) - Considered by many to be the 'most literal' translation
5. Amplified Bible (AMP) - easy to read, to study and understand.
6. www.biblegateway.com – online bible site that will allow you to use various versions of the bible.

Go to Church



Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

If you haven't already, find a full bible church to attend. It is very important to be a part of a good teaching church... that will allow you to learn and be stretched into the person God has purposed you to be. It also allows you to fellowship with other like-minded Christians.

Look for Ways to Serve



Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

All of us are here for a reason. The gifts we have been blessed with are not to be held solely for ourselves, they are to be shared with others. When we extend ourselves in service to others it allows us to grow in ways we can never imagine. A church is only as strong as its volunteers.

Get a Christian Mentor



1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore; encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

As you start your new walk with Christ, it could be beneficial to you to have someone you can go to for answers and encouragement. Someone who has a solid relationship with God who can help you stay focused and help you along the way. Choosing a mentor should not be a haphazard decision. It would be a good idea to have a conversation with your pastor before selecting a person in this position.

Learn the Fruit of the Spirit



Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The fruit of the spirit is important because it is the character of God. It is also what every Christians' character should reflect. Review the list below, if you are lacking in any of these areas, you should set a goal to strengthen yourself in those areas.

1. *Love*
2. *Joy*
3. *Peace*
4. *Forbearance*
5. *Kindness*
6. *Goodness*
7. *Faithfulness*
8. *Gentleness*
9. *Self-control*

Watch What you Watch



Psalm 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.

We should be careful what we ingest, whether it's audio or visual. What we take in through our eyes and ears can affect our heart and distort our thinking.

Here are a few ideas for Christian resources:

Look for Christian television networks, here are a few:

TBN – primarily televangelist

The Word Network – primarily televangelist

Daystar – primarily televangelist

Impact – primarily televangelist

Up Channel – clean movies

These networks are on cable - check your local listings for channels

Pureflix - Clean entertainment with faith and family values. Similar to Netflix with a monthly fee.

To find Christian materials - music, inspirational books, bibles, Christian greeting cards, plaques, etc....

Most cities should have Christian bookstores, you may have to google for locations in your area

Here are a few online Christian stores:

Christianbook.com

Lifeway.com

Crossroadschristianbookstore.net

Dayspring.com

Ultimately your relationship with God is your responsibility. Go forth in God and be blessed. In doing so you will be a blessing.



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