

The Sinner's Prayer

The Sinner's Prayer is an evangelical Christian term referring to a prayer of repentance, prayed by individuals who feel convinced of the presence of sin in their lives and that have the desire to form a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. It is a popular phenomenon in Evangelical churches. It is not intended to be a Christian creed, but rather, is intended to be an act of *initial* conversion to Christianity. Christians see the reciting of the Sinner's Prayer as the moment defining one's salvation, and the beginning step of one's lifelong faith journey.

It also may be prayed as an act of "re-commitment" for those who are already believers in the Christian faith, and who wish to re-commit their lives to Christ. Often, at the end of a worship service, in what is known as an altar call, a church leader, will invite those desiring to receive Christ (thus becoming born again Christians) to repeat with him the words of some form of a Sinner's Prayer. It also is frequently found on printed gospel tracts, urging people to "repeat these words from the bottom of their heart."

We Need To Be Saved

All of us have turned away from God (Isaiah 53:6). Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3). Your iniquities have caused a divide between you and God (Isaiah 59:2). There is none as holy as the Lord (1 Samuel 2:2). There is no one righteous on the earth (Romans 3:10). All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The wages of sin is death in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23).

Be Saved From What

It is appointed for men to die once, and after that face judgment by God (Hebrews 9:27). The wicked shall be thrown into Hell (Psalm 9:17). The wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodly people (Romans 1:18). Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

We Cannot Save Ourselves

We are saved through Faith, the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8, 9). A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith in Christ (Galatians 2:16). Jesus Christ said...I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). There is salvation in no other person but Christ (Acts 4:12).

Jesus Christ Came To Save Us

Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Christ died, for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). God commends his love toward us, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). We have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).

Jesus Christ Can Save You Now

Christ said I do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance (Luke 5:32). Repent and turn to God in your heart (Acts 26:20). Let the wicked forsake his way of sin, and the unrighteousness of his thoughts: and let him return to the Lord (Isaiah 55:7). As many as received him, he gave power to become the sons of God (John 1:12). Believe in Christ, and you will be saved (Acts 16:31). For with the heart man believes toward righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation (Romans 10:10). Everyone who calls out to Christ will be saved (Romans 10:13). God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but through him the world might be saved from sin (John 3:17). God has given every man born on the earth a measure of the Light of Christ in his Heart (John 1:9). This means that all people can, if they repent of their sins by repeating the Sinner's Prayer below* turn to the Light of Christ and be saved (John 1:12). Those who deny the Light of Christ do it because they love sin (John 3:20) and are already judged for denying Christ. True Christians must walk in the Light (1 John 1:7). The Light is Jesus Christ and he can teach all Christians (1 John 2:27).

*“Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust You and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. In Your Name. Amen.”