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Created for More

You were **created on purpose**, by someone who loves you and knows your name.

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Do you ever wonder why you are here on this earth?

Have you ever asked:

- Is there really a God?
- Why am I here?
- Does my life matter?
- Where do I belong?

These are normal questions that are answered in the Bible. It says you were **created for more** than anything this world can offer.

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Life's big story



YOU

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SIN

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JESUS

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In the beginning ...

God created a good world for people to live in. He created a man and a woman, Adam and Eve, to live with Him in His wonderful world and enjoy a good relationship with Him forever.

God also created you. He gave you life so you could know Him and love Him forever. **Knowing God and having a loving relationship with Him is better than anything you could ever experience or imagine.**

The Bible tells us:

"God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

GENESIS 1:27

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

PSALM 16:11



SIN breaks our relationship with God and others.

All people have sinned.

When God created Adam and Eve, He gave them the ability to make choices and decide for themselves how to think and live. But Adam and Eve used their freedom to reject God.

They sinned, and every person after them has sinned too. **Sin is when we ignore God and decide for ourselves what is right, wrong, honorable, or shameful.** Today, the whole world is full of sin and the evil it has caused.

Nothing we could do—even if everyone worked together—could fix the brokenness caused by sin in us or in our world. It is easy to see the effects of sin all around us—anxiety, depression, greed, injustice, even death.

Sin leads to death and separation from God forever.

The Bible tells us:

"As it is written: 'There is no one righteous, not even one.'"

ROMANS 3:10

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

ROMANS 3:23

"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned."

ROMANS 5:12

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROMANS 6:23



JESUS made a way for us to be forgiven.

God sent Jesus to rescue us because He loves us.

God knew we would turn against Him. He knew that sin would separate us from Him forever and leave us helpless to save ourselves.

Still, God loved us. He sent His Son into our sin-filled world to rescue us. Jesus, God the Son, came to earth over 2,000 years ago.

He was born as a baby and lived a perfect life without sin. **Because He was without sin, Jesus could take the punishment for our sin.**

He suffered and died a painful death on a cross in our place so that we can be set free from our sin and the shame and death it causes.

Jesus came back to life.

Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven of our sin and made right with God.

Jesus rose from the dead to prove that He has power over everything, including life, death, sin, and every evil power.

He is alive in heaven now and will return one day to judge sin, make the world new, and live with His people forever.

> **“Jesus rules over everything. He is the only way to be free from sin and death.”**

The Bible tells us:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 5:8

Jesus alone can forgive your sin and break its power over your thoughts and actions.

Jesus can restore your relationship with God, free your mind from guilt and shame, and help you live as God created you to live.

Jesus can give you eternal life so you can one day live with Him in a perfect world forever. Without Jesus you will die separated from God forever.



NEW LIFE. Knowing God through Jesus gives our lives hope and significance.

- God begins to free you from sin's power and show you His good purposes for your life.
- He promises to take away your shame and never leave you.
- One day you will live with Him forever in a world made new—free from all of sin's damage.

Are you ready to turn from your sin and trust Jesus to save you?

Do you want to be free from the guilt, shame, and power of your sin and live in the confidence of God's love forever?

> **Turn to Jesus and let Him rescue you.**

Through Jesus, you can personally know God—the God who created you on purpose.

God loves you and has a plan for your life. He wants to forgive your sin and adopt you as His dearly loved child.

The Bible tells us:

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

JOHN 5:24

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 PETER 1:3

How do I respond?

1

Admit that you are a sinner, turn away from your sin, and turn toward God.

Confess to God that you have sinned and disobeyed Him. Repent, which means turn from your sin, and turn to God, who knows you, loves you, and has a good plan for your life today and for eternity.

The Bible tells us:

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

ACTS 3:19

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 JOHN 1:9

2

Believe that Jesus, the perfect Son of God, died on the cross for you.

Jesus died on the cross in your place to take the punishment for your sin. If you trust in Him and His sacrifice in your place, God will forgive your sin and make you right with Him.

The Bible tells us:

"'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'"

1 PETER 2:24

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit."

1 PETER 3:18

3

Believe that Jesus rose from the dead to bring you from death to life.

Jesus broke the power of sin and death.

He rose from the grave and physically went up to the Father in heaven, where He reigns today.

Because Jesus overcame death, every person who trusts in Him will also be saved from spiritual death, which is to be forever separated from God.

Anyone who trusts in Jesus to be saved from their sin begins a new life as a part of God's family forever.

The Bible tells us:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

EPHESIANS 2:4-5

4

Trust Jesus to forgive you and give you eternal life.

If you believe that Jesus died for your sin and was raised from the dead, you can ask Him to be your Savior and choose to follow Him. When you do, He forgives your sin, gives you eternal life, and makes you part of God's family. **Your new life with Him starts the moment you believe!**

The Bible tells us:

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

ROMANS 8:1

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

ROMANS 10:9-10

If you say no, nothing changes.

If you choose not to trust in Jesus, you still carry the guilt and shame of your sin.

One day you will stand before God and be judged for your sin.

On that day you will be found guilty and separated from God, His love, and His goodness forever.

The Bible tells us:

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

JOHN 3:17-18

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."

JOHN 3:36

Are you ready to trust Jesus?

If you are ready to **trust in Jesus as your Savior, use this prayer as a guide to help you:**



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Dear God,

You are the creator and the only one who can save me from my sin. I have not obeyed you. I have tried to decide for myself what is right and wrong.

My sin has earned death for me, and I will be separated from you forever unless you save me. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to pay for my sin and guilt.

Thank you for raising Him from the dead and giving Him all power over this world. Please save me from my sin.

I receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord. I receive your gift of eternal life in Jesus. I will turn from my sinful life to serve you.

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Trusting Jesus to save you brings real hope, today and forever. If you have been saved from your sin, tell someone.

God's Spirit lives in everyone who receives Jesus, and He helps you live in a way that honors God. Start reading the Bible to learn more about God and His plan for you. And look for a church—**God's people help each other live for God.**

Still have questions?

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