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**BELIEVERS GUIDE ONE FOR NEW AND POTENTIAL BELIEVERS
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Who Is God?

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God is the creator of all things in existence. God made mankind. He made all the universe and all things in it. God made the heavens and He made the earth. He is the original Father of all of mankind and the owner of everything made and without Him nothing was made.

Why did God make man, the heavens and the earth?

God made man for His glory. God loved man and those who enter His kingdom have become sons and daughters of God. People start families because they want someone to love and someone to love them. Everyone wants a relationship with someone in some way which we can all relate to. Just as we have feelings and emotions, God does God also. God wanted to be admired and worshipped and He gave man dominion over the earth and man had a beautiful planet to enjoy and God said that man should multiply. We all want to be admired and loved by someone and God made us in His likeness which is why we have some of the same good tendencies including love and compassion. God is love itself and He is naturally peaceful, nurturing and giving but is also the wisest of wise.

God made beautiful natural things both our pleasure and His pleasure because He is a kind and loving God.

Why can we not see God nor feel closer to Him?

God wants a close relationship with us as He did when He first created us.

God is everywhere but because He is not in the form of the flesh we cannot see Him but at one point God was close to man and something took place which caused separation which does not have to be permanent but He had a plan in place to reverse this.

How & why were we separated from God?

God made a perfect man and a woman and they were to multiply. They were holy and therefore free from sin. God is naturally holy and He has never, will never and cannot sin.

God gave the man and the woman the freedom in the garden where both He and they were. They were not separated and they could freely speak to God and God could speak to them and everything was beautiful just as God had intended it to be. The man and the woman had chosen to be disobedient and sin and that caused them to become unholy which caused them to become separate from God who is Holy. God gave man the choice about what they wanted because He did not want robots, just as none of us would marry one or want a robot for a child. Instead of man choosing God he became selfish and chose himself so it was man who decided to turn away from God but God has been working to restore man but He will not violate man's life just as no stable man would invite himself into another man's house, sit down and make himself at home unless he is welcomed in. God will only enter a person's life through invitation just as most of us would also do. Those who want God in their life only have to ask but living a life of sin did not work in keeping the relationship together before and cannot be expected. Man just needs some cleaning up and with man's cooperation and God's help that is all possible but only for those who ask.

How does God help us in our lives?

God refreshes and renews us. God supports us and comforts us and takes care of our emotional needs and all other needs. God protects us and keeps us safe and plenty more. God sets us free from bondage in which all man is unless they have Him in their lives. God wants us to have all that He meant for us to have in the first place but due to living sinful lives, and what some people are living what many call "good lives" according to their own standards and believing that just being a good person is enough but to who's standards is the "good" that man speaks about? Not God's which is why nothing has changed for so many people. If all was being done as it should then why are so many people miserable and living a painful life? Why are there some many tears? Why does it feel like something is missing deep down? What could be missing? God is. Man has been brainwashed and have come to think that some sinful things are normal as many were born into them. If all man was doing was right then there would be no more crying, depression stress, tension or hurt feelings. This has clearly demonstrated that man's way without God has been unsuccessful.

But why doesn't God stop the pain?

God *is* stopping the pain. Those who have "genuinely" invited Him into their lives have been able to receive healing. God knocks but He needs to be let in. God has His people working to spread the gospel (good news) and He does not stop trying. This is why you are now reading this information. God has knocked and you now have the option to respond. The choice as to whether a person wants their lives to be changed and to have a personal relationship with God is their own just as one can choose to open the front door when it knocks but cannot expect to have what the person arrived to deliver if they do not open it.

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For example, if a person felt unwell and chose not to go to the doctors they would not be able to get any medical assistance. The doctor does not go from door to door asking if anyone needs a prescription, but lets people know that he has a surgery by advertising, and those who wish to see the doctor contact the surgery and proceed from there. Does this make him a bad or unfair doctor because he did not force down the doors with the medicine? Should he force feed it to each member of each house hold or let them decide if they want to join his surgery and to visit the surgery as they choose? Can the patients then decide that they wish to visit the surgery at midnight when it closes at 6pm or can the patients decide that they can bypass the receptionist and leave with a piece of the doctors medical equipment and swing by when they want another piece? No. There must be order, obedience and respect or there is chaos.

None the less God has given us an easy way to turn back to Him because He is compassionate and it does not matter what a person has done, just as a parent still loves their children no matter what they have done even if they do not like what the child did. God had a begotten Son and He sent Him in the flesh to die for mans sins as when there is sin, blood has to be shed to cover it and instead of man being destroyed, His Son Jesus Christ took our place and His blood was shed instead of ours and now we have a fresh start of we choose to take it. Just because something does not sound logical to man it does not mean that the Almighty God did not set His laws that way. The capacity of mans, thoughts do not level with a God who was able to create them, the whole world and maintain it. He brings for the rain. Can we?

By genuinely saying this prayer of salvation which is an **out loud** verbal invitation to God, you are asking God to come into your life.

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I want to turn away from my sins. I invite Jesus Christ into my life as my personal Saviour and Lord of my life. In Jesus name. Amen.
(There. It was as simple as that. You are now part of God's kingdom. With Gods help you can now start a new life and be in a personal relationship with God.

Salvation

What is salvation?

Salvation is to be rescued from danger.

The dangers of the world can be rather daunting, especially when going through it alone or with someone who is no stronger and in no better position than the person in question.

What sort of dangers are there that people need rescuing from?

1. Here are just a small handful of examples to start:
2. Sickness and disease
3. Dishonest people who will do anything to get what they want
4. Murderers
5. Mental pressures leading to various conditions and fears

Being in a personal relationship with God does not mean that all will suddenly be rose scented but it does mean that if we live life in the way that He would like us to that we would be in fact turning away from the things that have caused the pain in the first place due to being obedient along with His protection just as a mother or father protects their children we will be set free from the wicked cycles of life.

As parents, we often tell our children what they need to do in order to protect themselves but if they choose to be disobedient and do as they please they make it much more difficult for us to protect them. If a 15 year old child has been asked to meet their parents outside the cinema at 8pm after a film with their friends but they choose to put on a bit of make-up and take a detour and go to the over 21's party up the road at 7pm, then they open themselves up to a multitude of things and have chosen to place themselves in danger and have not offered their parents the due respect and neither have they showed them any gratitude and a sensible parent would not reward them for it. There must be some kind of ground rules in the house to maintain order for a house without order is not far off of the equivalent of a chaotic riot. Unlike parents, God knows all things and knows which dangers there are in full and where and when they are to be on each and every doorstep.

For our own protection, God asks us to be obedient and order can therefore be maintained. If everyone were to submit to proper order then there would be no dangers and everyone would be happy but as long as everyone wants what they want and reaches for without a second thought for others then there will always be lack but if we submit to God who is the source of everything, who knows all things and created all things, all would be perfect. If someone could make so many great and beautiful things and have knowledge of how to make them, then knowing how to maintain stable order is rather small in comparison. The main danger is spiritual death in an eternal hell after the physical life has ended but God offers us eternal life in a beautiful heaven if we live in obedience and do not lead ourselves to spiritual death through choosing a life of sin instead. Sin "cannot" dwell in heaven any more than a 7 year old can take out over 60's life insurance.

What to do next

Now that you have been saved and become a believer, it is time to start to get to know God and accept the beautiful things that He has in store for you.

God will work to clean you up with your cooperation and you can start enjoying God and moving toward a free mind and a clean heart.

What is meant by a clean heart?

In the past, we have all had issues with people and have felt animosity towards someone somewhere along the line and as a result of it, even when the other person has been the perpetrator, while they may not even give two hoots after the damage they have caused, the victim is left suffering and being held in bondage by feelings of hurt, upset and anger and after a certain amount of experiences their trust fails, they guard their hearts and love becomes sparing in its distribution till there is little of it left in the world. The heart becomes impure and so what a man thinks does He become. If a person has thoughts and feelings of bitterness he becomes bitter and so does his or her actions. Whether it be for good or bad, one person's actions contaminates the next just as dirt contaminates water or the beautiful scent of flowers can fill a room.

The mind is referred to as the heart. What is in a person's heart is what they will eventually end up doing whether they intend to or not.

What should I do next?

You need to get a Bible which is the holy book that God inspired for His children to use to receive His divine instructions and hear from Him. Just as an architect draws up a manual for a house to be built on a solid foundation, God also has a manual for us to get direction on all things in life. There is not a single issue to which there is no solution in the Bible. The Bible is like an endless well of fresh water. This is the water of life.

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There are various versions of the same text to make reading easier. We no longer speak in old English so the Bible has modernised and some have a limited understanding etc., so adjustments have been made but the meaning has not been changed. For example instead of saying “would you kindly be seated” it is no different if we said could you kindly take a seat” or “please sit down. We rarely say lavatory, but say toilet or loo but the meaning remains unchanged. There are not many different Bibles but the languages has modernised to offer understanding as there is no point in a more original version is the King James Version and an easier version to understand is the Good News Bible, NIV Bible or the NLT Bible. The Bible needs not just to be read but to be studied. A study Bible can also help with this.

You will also need to find a genuine Church and attend weekly services (usually Sundays and if they have Bible studies you should also attend this and they should arrange a baptism for you which is an emersion in water. Different denominations have different beliefs and Pentecostal Churches believe in speaking in tongues and the filling with God’s protective, comforting Holy Spirit, baptism in water, the body of Christ and God’s Holy Spirit and repentance to God. Not all Churches are genuine. God gives us direction on Churches so it is essential to pray to God for guidance on this and you should go wherever He guides you, never the less if you are not yet familiar on how to hear from God, a Pentecostal Church (not catholic as it is **completely** different and has different beliefs) that believes “at least” the following is a start:

The Bible is the infallible word of God.

They should believe in God the Father who is the creator of all things.

That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second person in the Godhead/Triune.

That the Holy Spirit is the third Person in the Holy Trinity.

That the Holy Spirit is the same substance equal to the power and glory of God the Father and Jesus the Son of God and they should believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and they should believe in and follow the whole Bible **unlike certain denominations**.

Things To Be Ware Of

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1. Avoid groups that claim their particular group is the only group that will enter the Kingdom of God.
2. Avoid groups that do not, cannot and will not show you the scriptures to support what they are telling you.
3. Avoid groups who base their practices on a particular individual appearing to worship them or who’s physical leader is hat the meetings and practices are about.
4. Avoid groups that do not confess and demonstrate that Jesus is the only way to salvation.
5. Avoid groups that indulge in occult practices in the occult.
6. Avoid groups that have “their own version” of the scriptures or who add to the Bible or take things away from it.
7. Avoid Churches and groups that mix religions together.
8. Avoid Churches and groups that perform idol worship. There should be no images and statues of anything including Mary or Jesus. Mary is not to be worshipped and Jesus is not the statue and there should be no bowing down to anything or praying to anything except God. We do not know what Jesus looks like either so who are the pictures of? If given names used for God you should check them in the scriptures. Exodus 20 instructs us not to have any idols, graven images or anything to try to replicate anything from in heaven, in or beneath earth or in the water.

Avoid churches and groups that ask for large amounts of money. Collection and tithe is fine. The collection is any amount that is given to help Gods house (the Church) going which is free will and is a person’s chosen amount. If you have not a penny and could not God knows this, it does not stop you from going to the service but God provides for His children and all they have is what He gave them in the first place and He loves a cheerful giver. He does not leave anyone without and rewards those who trust Him to look after them when they give and He blesses the givers. (See **Malachi 3:10**). God gives us all enough to tithe and give offerings but often people do not manage their finances or trust God to reward them. We reap what we sow and if we take and do not give we cannot expect to receive. Some people offer partnering and donations including unwanted or spare items to Church and offer help instead of expecting the leader to find it all to **help them**. Running a Church is a lot of work and is of no benefit to the leader. Anything taken helps toward **rent and expenses** that **help only those attending**.

The tithe is scriptural and is 10% of one’s income and is set aside on receipt before any spending is done.

Bible studies and theology classes

You should attend a theology class to learn more about the study of God, Church History and much more and Bible study class will teach some things which may be on a less theological and smaller scale and can be very encouraging. The two go hand in hand. Theology produces great understanding. Each Bible study class may vary between teaches. Theology teaches much about God in depth and covers many things while Bible studies is often not so deep and looks about the practical side of things and may cover things like faith, love, giving and various other attitudes and so on but can be based on scriptural learning. Watching sermons on TV which can be found on sky, channels, mainly 580-588 but there is a lot of false teachings so look out for Joyce Meyer/TD Jakes who are a genuine Teachers.

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Prayer And Hearing From God

God speaks to us all the time but we just need to get used to His voice which may take time for some.

We can however consistently speak to God through prayer and during our day to day activities.

What is prayer?

It is a straight forward conversation with God.

How do I pray?

You simply speak to God. To speak to God the Father He must be reached through our personal Saviour Jesus Christ by saying, Heavenly Father, I pray to you in the name of Jesus. You should then proceed to speak to God the Father.

When you pray to your personal Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whom is the Son of God, you pray to Him directly in His own name. "Lord Jesus, I come to you in prayer, then you proceed to pray.

What should I pray for at first?

- ✓ Some of the things to pray for are:
- ✓ The baptism of the Holy Spirit of God. (He will guide you, protect you and look after you).
- ✓ A close relationship with God and To help you to hear His voice and to teach you how to pray and to know His will for your life.
- ✓ For Gods guidance so you know what He wants you to do and can keep you secure.
- ✓ To keep you protected and to keep your path straight wisdom, knowledge, understanding and a revelation of God's word.
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Also you should have general conversation with God about anything and everything. While maintaining respect for God, He is our Father and our best friend and must therefore also be considered and made to feel loved and appreciated and when we are upset God wants us to talk to Him about it and tell Him everything we think and feel and you cannot hide your thoughts from Him as He can hear them since He was the one who created the mind He is of course superior to it but just because He already knows, it does not mean that He does not want you to talk to Him about it. Just as you would pick up the phone and call your mother or your friend and tell them what is going on, God wants you to take everything to Him and besides, He already knows everything about whoever or whatever had part in your upset in the first place and He does not condemn His children no matter who's fault it was and if you have made a mistake and are genuine in your regret wanting change then you need to turn from it in prayer by saying "God I repent of" whatever you have done and God being just is forgiving. To be forgiven we also must forgive all those who have done wrong to us, who we have un-forgiveness toward including friends, family, neighbours, those we do not know well whether they work in the local shop or the post person etc. whatever took place, forgiveness is necessary and it releases the forgiver and the persons concerns. Un-forgiveness often keeps the un-forgiver bitter, upset and trapped. Bitterness can also be hidden and surface later on or in unrecognised ways and can eat away at people and also alter the way they treat others or approach new general relationships with others spoiling potential unions with others (lack of trust and more) and should be put into prayer, telling God that you forgive them and if any anger toward God for anything that has not gone your way should be forgiven. Any guilt is often un-forgiveness to the self. Forgiveness should also be put in prayer. forgiveness must be genuine to be effective. If forgiveness is a struggle then while repentance is essential you must also ask God to help us to exercise this. Un-forgiveness can separate people from God and inhibit the flow of many good things between a person and God. Any wrongs should be repented for that day as soon as possible.

Always give God thanks and praise and Prayers end in Amen

Dictionary

Prayer	Conversation with God	
Sin	Anything contrary to the word of God	Also referred to as Failure
Salvation	Rescue from danger	Also referred to as deliverance
Holy	Set apart/made clean	Also referred to as sanctified or consecrated.
Bondage	In captivity	
Begotten Son	Natural Son	

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We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that Jesus Christ is the son of God and died to save us of our sins and was resurrected. We believe in baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity, that He proceeds from the Father and the Son and is equal with Them in every aspect including power and glory and is to be obeyed and worshipped and is a gift to the believer, empowering and He speaks only the truth. We believe that man is unholy and that he must be born again and sanctified by the blood of Jesus and there must be confession of sins to God. We believe in the second coming of Christ and divine healing from God.

Forgiveness

What is forgiveness?

ENGLISH	GREEK	BREAKDOWN
Forgiveness	Aphesis #859	Dismissal, release, pardon, a letting go, a release, complete forgiveness
forgive	Charizomai	To pardon, show favor, forgive, show kindness, pardon

When people do hurtful things to us it can sometimes be difficult to forgive them, especially if we are still suffering the repercussions of the offence. When hurting, it is sometimes possible to keep those and others (who have nothing to do with the offence) at arms lengths and not to trust them in the same area of the offence that has caused us to hurt to begin with. The more the pain we feel is the harder the heart becomes as well as the harder we may become towards some others as well as ourselves to the point where it can become damaging and cause stress.

Stress is something that can cause physical tension, headaches, Sleeplessness resulting in mental and physical exhaustion and all sorts of other aches pains and ailments. The questions is, is it worth it for something that we are innocent of? In some cases when people get hurt, they may have helped to trigger it off or to agitate the situation and make it worse by their reaction to the perpetrator but often they do not see their part in it.

Arguments, accusations, pain and un-forgiveness are like a group of people on a never ending merry-go-round that will never stop until someone is prepared to be the matured one and just put their foot on the ground and take the initial pressure on that foot temporarily so that the merry-go-round comes to a halt and everyone can stop feeling dizzy and get off of it without the fear of jumping and getting injured or staying on it and becoming dizzy. Alternatively, nobody makes that move and everyone stays stuck on it out of pride which is what caused the world to end up in the mess you see around you every day.

It is unfortunate that sometimes it may be the victim that ends up making the first move to work towards helping to repair things but none the less someone has to be the peace maker or there will never be peace. It takes maturity to be the peacemaker in a situation where the attack has been from someone else, especially when they are behaving very badly and it is a sign of spiritual maturity for those in Christ which is by His grace and not our own efforts. You can ask God for the grace to be forgiving and to become a peacemaker.

When Jesus died on the cross, He did it to break the chains of bondage and save mankind from death, not so that they could willingly run back into it and even help to tie themselves back up in bondage! Un-forgiveness is nothing other than an evil trap of the enemy and it creates a wedge between man and God which is exactly what the enemy wants so that he can try and bring people back under his complete control so when submitting to it, it is doing the enemy's work and helping him in his wicked attempts to hold you down and cause your prayers to be hindered. Prayer is a powerful tool, part of our protection and an offensive weapon against the enemy from God and above all it is also a magnificent connection with the LORD God almighty our creator.

God said that when you have an issue with someone that you are to forgive them before making Him an offering at the alter and that He can only forgive those who forgive others which is not so much to ask, or do you perhaps feel that it is? (Read Matthew 5:23-24) and (Matthew 6:15). Here's a some questions to you. Do you truly love God? Is anyone worth going to hell, eternal death or separation from God whom you say you love? How do you yourself view and describe love?

(See 1 Corinthians 1;4-8/ John 13:34-35/Colossians 3:14/John 15:13/1 John 4:7)

Even when it is painful there are times when out of love for someone we do something to keep them happy but it may be well out of our comfort zone and this is just mere man so how much more can we do this for God who we claim to love and who loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son that an may have eternal life **(John 3:16)**. When we do things to please others it is very rarely costless but in the end it is also the forgiver that benefits from forgiving others. God is offering us help and even though forgiveness is pleasing to God it is in no way doing Him a favor but He is in fact doing us an undeserved favor because He loves us. He asks us to do things for our own benefit and the benefits of others.

It is scriptural that the peacemakers are blessed. **Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."**

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Even when someone starts something it does not mean that the receiver has to get the last word in, respond negatively to it if at all, finish it or accept getting involved in it. Un-forgiveness is nothing but a horrible trap, like a mouse and cheese on a glue trap for a mouse and much like a prison cell and when not forgiving someone, just remember that you have to stay in there with them, even though you may not have even done anything. Some people have issues and need help so it does not help to turn and curse them or to shout about it which in addition can make things worse for both then and ourselves, but this does not mean to become a walk over either. There are some people that are always negative that we just need to keep away from, however, they still need to be forgiven. God says to honor your mother and Father in Exodus 20. Sometimes the only person in the prison cell is the one who has not forgiven because half the time, while you are sitting down feeling furious, they are out enjoying something else, sometimes even causing other trouble and really not giving you the slightest thought and even laughing at your pain. So here is a question..

What profit is it to you to sit down thinking about them or to be suffering over them?

The answer is to be loving no matter what anyone does and love will spread. When we are a good example of Christ, we are spreading the gospel even without mentioning His name and we are honoring God when we treat others properly which means being loving kind and respectful. (see Galatians 5:22-23). A good person's behavior does not depend on the behavior of others. God is good, but imagine if He behaved according to the behavior of man in response to when man sinned or blasphemed? The whole world would have already been struck down. If we are grateful for such mercy, should we not also sow it to others? If everyone did this here and now, there would not even be another war. We do not have to wait for others to do something before we do it ourselves otherwise everyone would just keep waiting on everyone else and nothing would ever get done. I know you are now starting to really see my point.

When Jesus died to save man, man did not deserve it and His forgiveness was not based on what we deserve or we would all be going to hell. God based His forgiveness on His grace which means undeserved favor. (Greek: Charis). If people only ever got what they deserved the whole world would be dead, so you see, someone has to break the chain now that Jesus has made it all possible through His suffering and crucifixion for us which He did not deserve. We can either be un-forgiving and help evil to grow or be loving and help goodness to grow. We cannot expect God to do something for us that we are not prepared to do for someone else.

Having heard what you have heard, are you now prepared to release yourself and all people concerned and remove that wedge from between you and God?

Are you prepared to help yourself to stop suffering for other peoples actions and heal?

Bear in mind that when you forgive, it is quite probable that you will not only be tested to show whether you have truly forgiven them instead of just lip service, and you may even be allowed to enter into further situations to test your forgiveness but this shows you where you are really at with the issue and is good to help strengthen you and not an unanswered prayer or punishment.

What to do next:

1. Write a list of people who have done you wrong plus those you have hard feelings towards.
2. Pray and ask God for forgiveness for your feelings towards them and ask Him to help you be genuinely forgiving towards them and forgive them before Him verbally.
3. Make a list of the behaviors that you seem to be affected by. (Rudeness/anger/selfishness etc)
4. Look at how you can handle it and pray that God gives you wisdom and self-control to handle those things. If someone is rude, plan not to respond harshly. (**Read and meditate on Proverbs 15:1**). To meditate on a scripture means to say it again and again, think it, mutter it and repeat it under your breath, go over it in your mind, speak it out loud into the atmosphere and read it again and again.) If someone just does evil things then you are not to repay the with evil (**1 Peter 1:9 and Romans 12:17**). All that would do is help the enemy to continue the cycle of wickedness and you would simply remain on a cycle of pain and suffering and no offence you have been a victim of is worth all that. It is bad enough that something has been done to cause you such upset as it is.
5. Forget about who did what and make contact with them (unless *genuinely* unfindable, passed away or totally dangerous to contact) to let them know that you forgive them. People can still harbor un-forgiveness to the deceased.
6. Keep calm and pray that they respond to you peacefully, give them a good chance (**this is called longsuffering**) even if they are not responding the way that you wish them to and pray for them in general, that they forgive you, that their hearts toward you and in general is softened, and for their healing and (**if they are a believer**) to continue to represent Christ who does not flare up on us every time He hears something that is not pleasing and He does not remind us of the things we have done wrong but helps us to move forward. We cannot change anyone but God Himself can and our prayers can seriously help others even if

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we do not think that we see the changes quickly. Trust God and leave them to Him and even if a person does not forgive you, then you have done your part. It can be a process to see the results but it is not about monitoring the results of others and making a judgment, but improving yourself and becoming stronger through the grace of God. **(Read Luke 6:37). Romans 2:1 NIV- You therefore have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.**

7. Check whether you have really forgiven. A good sign of not genuinely forgiving someone is if they make you feel sickened or if you cannot treat them with the same love as those who you love or just cannot stand to be around them as well as if you have bad thoughts towards them. Here is the big question. Would you help them if they were in trouble, even if they had brought it on themselves? If it is hard to do such a good thing, continue to pray about, pray for them diligently and do not condemn yourself but do not stop trying either. Being able to do these things is a sure sign of spiritual strength which means that you have gotten something out of it as well as at least one other person. God brings all things together for good for those who love Him.

Related Bible Verses To Read/Study

(Study Matthew 5:3-12)

Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:23-24, “So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Romans 12:17-18, Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Ephesians 4:29 GNB, Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you.

When believers forgive other people in a biblical manner, they demonstrate their love for the Lord by being obedient to His Word (**1 John 5:3**). When believers forgive, their love for the Lord is evidenced and their love for others is also demonstrated (**1 John 4:20-21**).

Believers who obey God’s Word by forgiving others also have the potential for a vibrant, productive prayer life (**1 John 3:22**).

1 John 3:22, and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. **We reap what we sow. (See 2 Corinthians 9:6) The hardest roads often have the biggest benefits while the easier roads often reap little results. What we receive is therefore a choice. God bless you.**

PERSON TO FORGIVE (NAME)	TICK WHEN FORGIVEN IN PRAYER	TICK WHEN CONTACTED	HARD FEELINGS GONE?	RESOLVED	HOW DO I FEEL NOW?
Myself					
God (E.g. upset if things never went my way even after prayer)					

The Power Of Prayer And Guidelines

What is prayer?

Prayed- #4336 Greek: proseuchomai = To pray to God, supplicate, worship, pray earnestly for.

Webster's dictionary definitions

Supplication: Humble earnest prayer, a humble petition, an earnest request, entreaty.

Entreating: Act of entreating, beseeching, urgent prayer, earnest petition, pressing solicitation.

- When we speak to God in prayer we must ask things according to His will. The way to establish what His will is, is to study His word. (**John 5:14-15**)
- There are times when people pray and feel that they are not getting an answer. Firstly we need to recognise the voice of God. God replies to prayer even if it is a no, but if the mind is busy and is not focused on God then His voice may not be recognised and He may have answered even more than once but the response has not been received. When making a phone call, the receiver must be lifted up before the voice on the other end can be heard. (**Psalm 23**) Sheep know the voice of their shepherd and follow where ever their shepherd goes and in order to do this there needs to be silence and time alone with God is essential. On waking, the first thing we need to do is to speak to God and to thank Him for keeping us through the night and for the beauty of the new day ahead and we are to exalt Him and to praise Him for who He is and also all that He has done for both us and others, remembering that He has also kept our families and friends. First fruits is the first portion of a thing, the first of our time when we wake, we should offer to God daily.
- (**James 4:3**) If you do not ask you will not receive. If you do not ask you cannot expect to receive, just as you may go into a post office and require book of 12 stamps but unless you approach the counter and request is, it will not be given to you. When someone knocks on a door they are heard. God hears everything but what is asked must be in line with His will and for the right reasons.

(**Matthew 7:7**) God tells us to ask, knock and seek. Asking is just asking, while to seek is to go in search of To Seek: Webster's 1913 dictionary, to try to find, to sort, to enquire, solicit, beseech, to try to reach or Come to search, find, endeavour, follow up.

Patience is a necessity. When a seed is placed into good soil it does not become a tree in half an hour. There are times when we see the answers to our prayers manifest quickly while there are times when we must wait but when we wait upon the LORD He will renew our strength (Isaiah 40:31) but while waiting we must be of good courage also (Psalm 27:14)

Courage = confident, cheer, bold, I dare, endure, make up the mind.

Various types of prayer

1. petitions: this is a plea for a need. (1 John 1:9-2:2).
2. supplications: (Philippians 4:6)
3. thanksgiving: this is thanking God for what He has done, is doing and will do. (Colossians 2:6-7)
4. intercession: According to W.E Vine, it is seeking the presence of God on behalf of others. Simon asked peter to supplicate for him in the book of acts. (Acts 8:24). There are times when people request prayer for themselves about a specific thing but there is also times when God puts other before us to pray for but also there are other times when it is obvious to us that a person needs prayer and of they express an issue but do not request prayer then we should still pray for them whether they are a believer or not.

Prayer done according to God's will with the right motives is a key to open many doors.

God cares for His children even more and He delivers what He says He will. (Numbers 23:19) God is not a man that He should lie. There are times when God blesses His children and their behaviour prevents them from the full experience of their blessing. God also knows the best timing and there can be things to deal with first and patience is

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something that God gives us as a very valuable gift and a necessity but we just have to use it. Asking in prayer for this is an excellent idea, however you may find that situations arise whereby you need to be patient and persevere but in the end it will produce good results if you allow it.

Always give thanks for your food in prayer and ask God to bless your food during the prayer. Always pray for others and those who have hurt you, insulted you, wronged you, offended you etc., pray for them quickly. Forgive them in prayer and behave like you have forgiven them. You can in fact ask God to help you to forgive them as in some case it may be more difficult. There should be nothing that you cannot forgive someone for and there is also a good chance that you and this person may come into what could become conflict again in order to test your forgiveness and you must hold out. If you have forgiven someone then you must be able to treat them the same as your loved ones but there are some cases when someone is ill hearted and you may need to keep away from them but it does not mean that they should be ignored if you come into contact with them even unexpectedly.

Things that hinder prayer:

(Including un-forgiveness, bitterness & un-repentant sin)

- *Those who turn their ears from the law, their prayers are an abomination to God - Pro 28:9*
- *2 Also those who will not be righteous - cf. 2 Ti 4:3-4*
- *One's iniquities can separate them from God so that He will not hear their prayers - Isa 59:1-2*

- *Those treating other people badly including their spouse.*
- *Who fail to consider the poor - Psa 41:1*
- *Who fail to treat their wives as they should - 1 Pe 3:7 and Mal 2:13-14;*
- *Who fail to make things right with those they have offended - Mt 5:23-24*
- *Who fail to forgive those who sinned against them - Mt 18:21-35*
If we will not treat others justly, how can we hope to receive God's mercy?

- *Those not praying in faith which is a foundation.*
- *Without faith it is impossible to please God - He 11:6*
- *Asking with doubt in our hearts ensures failure - Ja 1:6-8*

- *Prayer is however a privilege for some:*
- *Let us look at Cornelius for example:*
 - *Even though he was a very kind person he was not saved- Ac 10:1-2; cf. 11:14*
 - *His prayers and his kind giving had not gone un-noticed by God as he was saved - Ac 10:4,31*
- *Yet God heard the prayer of Cornelius who was living in sin but was willing to turn away from it.*

PRAYERS

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(Morning Model Prayer)

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Thank you for keeping me night by night. Thank you for protecting my/our health and strength and sending your angels to take charge over me/us. Thank you for looking after my family. Thank you for your precious and only begotten Son who you sent because you so loved the world that those who believe in Him may have everlasting life. Thank you for the gift of the precious Holy Spirit who helps me

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patiently day by day. Lord you said you have given us the power to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and by faith i know you will continue to insure that i stand boldly in your word glorifying your holy name and doing all i can to stand and you are for me so who could be against me. If i have sinner on thought, deed, speech or any way i repent and thank you for your tender loving mercy and pray that you continually guide me and keep my path straight and that i will never be deceived. Thank you Father God.

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Father please cover me (& whoever else) under the blood of Jesus from the crown of our heads to the souls of our feet.

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Forgiveness of Sin And Stregnth Prayer

Heavenly Father, I (we) come to You now in the Name of my (our) Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, I (we) make a joyful shout to You, I (we) come before Your Presence with singing, and we enter into Your gates with thanksgiving, and into Your courts with praise, and You are good from everlasting to everlasting. Lord throughout this prayer and through out this day I pray for myself (ourselves) and the following people, _____, _____, _____, and _____. Heavenly Father, we ask You to have mercy upon us O' God according to Your loving kindness, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies blot out all my(our) transgressions, wash us thoroughly from my (our) iniquities and cleanse me(us) from our sins. I(we) acknowledge my (our) transgressions and my (our) sin is always before me (us). Against You have I (we) sinned these wrong things in Your sight and I (we) pray for forgiveness. Behold You desire Truth in the inward parts and in the hidden parts. Please make me (us) to know wisdom. Please clean and wash us so that we may become clean and pure in heart, thinking righteously. Please give me strength, endurance, wisdom, mercy and joy through every trial and situation.

Please help me to cast down imaginations and every high thought that exalts its self against your knowledge my God, and bring into captivity, every thought to the obedience of Christ. Wash me (us) and I (we) shall be whiter than snow. Make me (us) to hear joy, and gladness, that which the bones which You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your Face from my (our) sins and blot out all my(our) iniquities. Create in me (us) a clean heart O' God and renew a right spirit within me(us). Cast me (us) not away from Your Presence and fill me (us) afresh with your Holy Spirit. Restore to me(us) the joy of Your Salvation, and uphold me(us) with Your free Spirit. I (we) thank you Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen

Repentance For A Wrong Attitude

Lord Jesus Christ I ask You to forgive me for the sin of grumbling and complaining, for not walking in faith, and living to the destiny that I have. Lord Jesus Christ my whining attitude is a thing of the past, I am going to rejoice in the Lord, I am going to accept the mind of Christ, I going to talk about good things, glorious things, God's things, I am going to live with joy unspeakable and full of glory and it is going to begin today, in Jesus Name, amen.

Blessing And Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, I (we) come to You now in the Name of my (our) Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Heavenly Father, I (we) ask You to give me (us) divine healing now in every area of my (our) life, spirit, mind, will, emotions and physical being in accordance with Your Divine Plan and Order for my (our) life. I (we) receive Your Divine Healing, Wholeness and Newness of life(s), in the Name of Jesus Christ. Lord, I (we) ask You to expand in me (us) Your territories. Lord I (we) ask for and receive beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness: for I (we) are trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that You may be glorified, in Jesus' Name. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, Father, I (we) pray with thanksgiving in Jesus' Name. Amen! Heavenly Father, I ask you to give me (us) and every person I (we) prayed for today according to John 16:23, the manifestation of every miracle and every healing You have given to me (us) and the manifestation of divine healing and divine health in my (name the body part if you have a pain or ailment or symptoms) _____ (each of our) body (ies). Amen!

Filled with the Holy Spirit Prayer

Heavenly Father, I (we) ask You to fill each of us with Your precious Holy Spirit. I (we) ask You to fill each of us with all of the fruits of Your Holy Spirit including Your love, Your joy, Your peace, Your gentleness, Your goodness, Your meekness, Your faithfulness and Your self-control. Heavenly Father, in Christ Jesus' Holy Name I (we) ask You to fill me (us), everyone I (we) prayed for today with Your Holy Ghost anointing and power, cover us with Your presence, Your anointing, Your power; in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and I (we) ask You Lord Jesus to heal me (us) and fill me (us) with Your Holy Spirit and power, cover us with Your anointing and presence, and to fill me (us) and seal me (us) with Your peace, character, and nature. I (we) ask You to do all these .

Forgiveness Of Others

anyone who has ever wronged me or hurt me or cursed me or lied to me or prayed evil prayers over me and I bless them in the Name of Jesus Christ. Heavenly Father I ask You to forgive me for any un-forgiveness, any bitterness, any anger, any strife, any animosity, and any resentment that I have in my heart toward anyone at this time and to help me to be forgiving and behave towards each of these people in a way that is pleasing in your sight, in Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

Sanctification Prayer

Heavenly Father i pray to you in Jesus name and praise you for your greatness and your love, compassion and greatness and thank you for keepin g me and sending your holy angels to protect, take charge over me and keep me in my ways. Thank you for another day and for giving to me my daily bread a.nd for your precious Son Jesus Christ and the beautiful gift of Your Holy Spirit beautiful God of grace and splendor. Please lead me e not unto temptation and deliver me from evil. Please create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Wash me with the blood of Je

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sus and purify me. Please help me to be loving and compassionate to other and pleasing in your sight..Please bring me closer to you and grant me divine favor, wisdom, knowledge and understanding and teach me how to glorify, praise and worship you in spirit and in truth and how to pray powerfully in the name of my Saviour Jesus Christ. I repent for _____ (name the sin) . If i have sinned in thought, deed, speech or any way, i repent and thank you for your mercy and tender loving care. I bless you and exalt your Holy Name and give thanks to your Son and Your Holy Spirit . Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.