

AN INVITATION



Into Thine Hand

How you can entrust your life to Jesus Christ

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

FIRST THINGS FIRST

God loves you

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [John 3:16](#)

God wanted you and knows you by name. Yet all of us often live without him, in thought, word and deed. The Bible calls this sin: it separates us from the One who loves us.

THE GIFT

Jesus opens the way

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. [Romans 5:8](#)

Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again on the third day. He offers you forgiveness and new life as a gift. You cannot earn it, only receive it.

**He does not force himself on you,
but he is waiting for your answer.**

On the next page you will find a prayer made only of words from the Bible. It is not a magic formula: pray it if you mean it with all your heart. God sees your heart, not just your words.

A Prayer from God's Word

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight.¹ God be merciful to me a sinner.² Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.³ Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.⁴ My Lord and my God.⁵

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.⁶ Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.⁷ Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God.⁸ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.⁹ Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.¹⁰

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.¹¹

1 Psalm 51:4a · 2 Luke 18:13 · 3 Psalm 51:10 · 4 Mark 9:24 · 5 John 20:28 · 6 Psalm 31:5 ·
7 Psalm 73:25 · 8 Psalm 143:10a · 9 Galatians 2:20 · 10 2 Corinthians 9:15 · 11 Revelation 22:20

What comes next

- 1 Talk with God every day, in your own words and in the Lord's Prayer.
- 2 Read the Bible, starting with the Gospel of John.
- 3 Find a Christian church near you and stay connected.
- 4 Ask about baptism, or renew your baptismal promises. Catholics receive forgiveness in Confession.
- 5 Tell someone you trust about the step you have taken.

A BLESSING FOR YOUR WAY

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24–26