

A SALVATION PRAYER

Lord, I am a lost and fallen creature by nature and by actual transgressions beyond number, which I confess to you this day.

I have lived without you, senseless and ignorant. But you have impressed on my heart how miserable I am in myself, and have shown me the remedy provided by Christ Jesus.

You have offered him freely to me, on the condition that I would accept this offer and flee to Jesus. And now you have sovereignly determined my heart, and formed it for Christ, causing me to approach the living God.

Therefore I am here today to settle the matter, according to your will. Unworthy as I am, I declare that I believe that Christ Jesus, slain at Jerusalem, was the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

I believe there is eternal life in Christ, and in Christ alone. I trust my soul to you, Jesus. I accept God's reconciliation through you. I choose you in all that you are. I submit all that I am, or have, to you, and divorce myself from everything you hate—without reservation or exception, and no turning back.

Here I give my hand to you. I accept God's offer of peace through Christ, and make a covenant with you today, never to be reversed. Subdue my corruption. I place my neck under your sweet yoke in all things, and cheerfully submit my heart to whatever you want to do to me, or with me.

Now I give you praise, Father, for devising this salvation, and for giving it to the Son to accomplish.

I give you praise, Jesus, who paid such a dear price, and through whom I have access to the Father, in whom I am reconciled and united with God. I am no longer an enemy or a stranger.

I give you praise, Holy Spirit, for sounding the alarm when I was destroying myself, for convincing me that I was in danger, for opening my eyes to the remedy, and for persuading my wicked heart to fall in love with Jesus. Now you are teaching me how to covenant with God. You are showing me the sure mercies of David and the blessings of Abraham, and how to secure the favor and friendship of God forever.

I submit my choice this day with my heart, head, soul, and whole person. I resolve not to be my own, but yours. Whatever concerns me will be on you, as my head and Lord. Failings on my part (against which I resolve, as you know) will not make void this covenant.

For so you have said, and I intend not to abuse your mercy, but so much the more to cling close to you. I have liberty to renew and ratify this transaction, as often as needed.

I know your consent to this bargain stands recorded in Scripture, so I need no new sign. I accept your offer on your terms. You are faithful and you will pardon whatever is lacking in my way of doing this.

God is true, and Jesus saves. Amen.

— *William Guthrie*

O LORD, DRAW PEOPLE TO CHRIST!

For those who do not know you yet, Lord, grab on to them now, and do your work. Take them by the heart, overcome them, and persuade them, until they say, “You have won. You are stronger than I.”

Lord, did you not make me a fisher of men? I have worked all this time and caught nothing. Have I spent my strength for nothing?

I will cast my net one more time. Lord Jesus, stand on the shore and show me how and where to spread my net. Give me the words to enclose the souls I seek, that they will have no way out.

Now, Lord, for a multitude of souls. Now for a full portion.

Lord God, remember me, I pray, and strengthen me, O God. Amen.

—*Joseph Alleine*