WELCOME HOME

If you're here, it's because something inside you is stirring and that stirring is not an accident. Jesus already knows every part of your story, and He's been waiting for this moment with you.

There's no perfect way to do this. You don't need special words. You just need a willing heart. If you're ready, you can pray this simple prayer, right where you are, exactly as you are:

Heavenly Father, I come to you in prayer asking for the forgiveness of my sins. I confess with my mouth and believe with my heart that Jesus is Your Son, and that He died on the Cross at Calvary that I might be forgiven and have Eternal Life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Father, I believe that Jesus rose from the dead, and I ask You right now to come into my life and be my personal Lord and Savior. I repent of my sins and will worship You all the days of my Life. Because Your word is Truth, I confess with my mouth that I am born again and cleansed by the Blood of Jesus! In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you just prayed that prayer and meant it with your heart, welcome to the family. Heaven is celebrating with you right now and this is only the beginning.

Read further for suggested next steps.

NEXT STEPS

Faith grows best in community and truth. Here are a few simple next steps to help you walk this journey well:

1. Get a Bible You Can Trust

A solid, readable translation matters. Any of these are excellent starting points. Suggest looking for a **Study Bible**, which includes notes to help explain what you're reading:

- **ESV (English Standard Version)** Close to the original text, clear and readable
- **NIV (New International Version)** One of the most widely used, very accessible for new readers
- **NKJV (New King James Version)** Traditional language with modern readability
- **CSB (Christian Standard Bible)** A newer translation, well-regarded for accuracy and clarity

2. Find a Local Church to Call Home

You weren't meant to walk this alone. Search for a "Bible-believing church near me" or ask someone you trust who already attends one. Look for a church nearby that:

- Teaches the Bible as true and trustworthy
- Feels welcoming and warm to newcomers
- Offers a way to connect (small groups, classes, etc.)

3. Know the Warning Signs of False Teaching

Not everyone who claims to speak for God is teaching truth. When in doubt, compare it to Scripture and talk it through with mature, trusted believers. Test what you hear (1 John 4:1) and watch for:

- Prosperity promises: teaching that enough faith or giving guarantees wealth, healing, or success
- Pressure to give: heavy, repeated appeals to give beyond your means, especially to enrich a leader
- Scripture twisted or added to: verses taken out of context, or a leader's "revelations" placed above the Bible
- No room for questions: doubt is shamed, and accountability or correction is avoided
- A cult of personality: the focus stays on a charismatic leader rather than pointing you to Christ

You're not walking this road by yourself anymore, welcome home.

Everlasting CELEBRATIONS