

**You can do that by praying a
simple prayer like this:**

"Dear Jesus, I need help. Please help me. I am a sinner and need to put my life in order, but I know I can't do it alone. I have tried and failed many times. Please forgive all my sins and give me a new start. I believe that You love me and died for my sins. Come into my life and be my Lord and Saviour. I need your peace and strength. I surrender my life and my all to You. I now believe that You have forgiven my sins and saved my soul.

Thank you."

If you have prayed to trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, or if you need more literature, please write to the address below.

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In a popular tabloid, Elizabeth Taylor was once quoted as saying, “God knows I have tried: I have tried fame, food, men, drugs and drink, but I have never found peace.” The story continues, stating that as Taylor looked at her sleeping mother so very near death, she said sadly, “Maybe death is the only peace.”

Elvis Presley was asked by a reporter, six weeks before he died, “Elvis, when you started playing music, you said you wanted three things in life: you wanted to be rich, you wanted to be famous and you wanted to be happy. Are you happy, Elvis?”

Presley replied, “No, I am as lonely as hell.”

It seems that riches, fame, so-called friends and even youth and health do not necessarily bring peace and happiness. Elizabeth Taylor and Elvis Presley had all of the above, except for peace and happiness!

And they are not the exception. The world is full of rich and famous people who are miserable and lonely. The number of people committing suicide, most of them young, in the prime of their lives, is ever increasing. Loneliness and depression are the most frequently diagnosed problems. The poor and the sick are not the only ones affected by loneliness, fear, depression and anxiety. Men and women, the rich and the poor, the young and the old everywhere are yearning to find some happiness and peace. Unfortunately, few find it.

Why? Why can't we find peace and happiness? What is the problem? The problem is our separation from God.

The Bible confirms this separation, “That at that time you were without Christ... having no hope,

and without God in the world” *Ephesians 2:12*. This problem of separation affects all mankind because, “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” *Romans 3:23*. We are, by nature, sinful creatures standing apart from a Holy God. This sin problem leaves all of us with an emptiness that must be filled.

Pascal, the great mathematician once said, “In each of us there is a God-shaped vacuum yearning to be filled.” How do we overcome this sin barrier? The solution to the problem must come from God's side, for each of us has already sinned. God's solution is Jesus Christ, who is the “Prince of Peace” *Isaiah 9:6*. The Hebrew word used is “Sar Shalom” and has a much wider meaning than the term “peace.” It does not only mean absence of war and strife, but it includes prosperity, well-being, harmony within and without, peace in one's heart and peace with God. It is the perfect state of man.

We read about God's solution in His Holy Word. “For God so loved the world, (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” *John 3:16*. God did His part to reach you. He wants you to have peace, joy and eternal life. Do you have peace and joy? Or have doubts and fears become a way of life for you?

If what you are searching for is happiness, joy and peace, you will only find it in Jesus Christ who died for each one of us. He wants you to have lasting peace and eternal life. You can make peace with God right now by asking Him to come into your heart and life.