



# Pastor's Comments

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### A Sinner's Prayer

Every repenting sinner's prayer to God will vary, but there are some elements of a sinner's prayer that are absolutely necessary. A sinner's prayer should include:

- **Realization of having sinned.** *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).
- **Confession of sin.** The prodigal son's words were, *"I have sinned..."* (Luke 15:21). The publican prayed, *"God be merciful to me a sinner"* (Luke 18:13).
- **Repentance with sorrow for sin.** *"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation"* (2 Corinthians 7:10).
- **Faith in God's provision** for salvation. *"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).
- **Acceptance** of God's grace through Jesus Christ. *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God"* (John 1:12).
- **Surrender** to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- **Gratitude** for God's forgiveness.

When I lead sinners in prayer, I ask them to sincerely repeat out loud after me something like this: *"Dear Father in heaven, I know that I am guilty of sinning against you. I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you to forgive me. I believe you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins on the cross, and I now accept that provision of salvation. Lord, if you will forgive me of all my sins, I will live for you for the rest of my life. I will take you as the Lord and Master of my life. I will do what you want me to do, go where you want me to go, and be what you want me to be. Thank you, Lord, for hearing this prayer and for forgiving me of all my sins. Thank you for saving me now. Amen."*

I then ask them to humbly pray to the Lord using their own words as I pray for them.

If you have never prayed the sinner's prayer, **will you do it now?**