

## The Desperate Need for a Savior

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*For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares to us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us...*

Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

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**Prayer Focus:** Of the billions of people who have lived on earth over the centuries, only one was not in need of a Savior. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself was the only one worthy of escaping eternal punishment in hell! The rest of us desperately need a Savior because we have been stained by our sin and an inherited sinful nature. Without exception, none of us will ever measure up to the unchangeable standard of God's righteousness. "All have sinned; all fall short" leaves no room for misinterpretation about anyone's own righteousness. No amount of religious activity or self-delusion will change this. God's anger toward sin must be satisfied, and in His gracious kindness He gave us Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus' shed blood and death on the cross, our honest admission of sin and heart cry for God's mercy satisfies the guilty verdict and sets us free from condemnation. The seriousness of sin remains, but we can tolerate the mercy of God through His incomparable gift of Jesus Christ as Savior.

**Day 1:** Praise God for His provision of an incomparable Savior.

**Day 2:** Repent of the ways you have taken for granted your own need of a Savior. Express your deep gratitude.

**Day 3:** Invite the Lord to reveal the reality of your own sin by showing you the condition of your heart apart from Him.

**Day 4:** Thank God that in His love He has provided a solution to the problem of our sin.

**Day 5:** Pray that the very presence of the Lord Jesus Christ will convict people of their sin and their need for a Savior.

**Day 6:** Pray that the message of sin will be preached with power and biblical truth in your church.

**Day 7:** Tell the Lord how desperately you need Him as your Savior from your sin. Thank Jesus for His gift to you.

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