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**This is my prayer
for you**

I pray that Jesus, our Lord,
will help you and give you
strength through these
words each day.

May you, and young
readers everywhere, find
true happiness, as you
begin to discover how great
is His love for you.

May He bless you, and
keep you in His love all
through your life.

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Prayer Before Reading

Lord Jesus, as I read Your word,
help me to shut out all thoughts
but the thought of You.

As I receive Your word, I know
that I am receiving Yourself ... to
become more and more part of
me.

As I receive You, I receive Your
calm, Your courage, Your joy,
and Your love for others.

Thank You, Lord Jesus.

My child, this universe is very puzzling for you.

I want you to know that the secret of the universe is *love*.

Before ever My love was seen when I came to the earth, it was causing worlds to be made.

Always remember that behind *everything* which you see in My universe is love. This means that God is not a far-away Creator, but caring for you all the time ... sad when you are sad, happy when you are happy.

This love will always be there for you.

**Even the hairs on your head
are all counted**

(Luke 12.7)

When I was on the earth, God was seen in a way in which He was never seen before. Human beings did not have to search any longer to see what God is like.

When I came to the earth it was like a *meeting-place* ... God's love meeting human beings needing help. This meeting-place is the only place where people can start *really* to know God.

Do not worry about how God has shown Himself to other places in the universe. Just be glad that when I visited the earth, people could see *everything* which they need to see of God the Father.

**God loved the world so much that
He gave His only Son, so that
everyone believing in Him can
enjoy new and lasting life.**

(John 3.16)

Each day I want you to think about the Cross ... the place where you are able to see, most clearly, My love.

On the Cross, I gave up all power ... the only thing left was love.

Evil tried to crush love, but it could not.

My Father's victory showed the power of that love.

I want each one of My children to find the help which only I can give.

As you think about the Cross, tell Me, 'Lord Jesus, my heart is Yours.'

**For the sake of My sheep,
I surrender My life.**

(John 10.15)

Ask to live close to Me all through your life.

If you do this, I will start to draw you nearer to Me, and I will see you as you are going to be one day ... perfect.

As long as you go on wanting Me, I will make sure that you arrive at the place which I have planned for you - even though you often fail Me.

My child, never lose the *wish* to live very close to Me. That wish comes from Myself!

One day, you will see and know Me perfectly, and that will last till the end of time.

**It is My love
which draws you near to Me.**
(Hosea 11.4)

It is very important to think of Me as the One who *rules* over the universe. If you do not do this, you will not expect really great things from Me! Never listen to people who make you doubt that I control everything. It hurts me when people do not see who I am.

You know that I am God the Father's beloved Son ... any other road to God will not lead you to Him. It was through Me that God made all which you see around you. It is *only* through Me that millions have found happiness after spending many years without any hope.

If you always think of Me as *supreme*, everything else in your life will fall into its right place.

**God the Father and Myself
are ONE.**

(John 10.30)

My child, I want you to know that nothing can ever take you away from My love.

I *chose* you; that is why you can put all your trust in Me. I will save you from all kinds of dangers. Already, I have saved you from so many dangers which you have not even known about.

Only I know what is best for your future.

Remember that no matter what happens to you, I am *always* able to put things right, and help you to start again.

**No one can ever remove
My children from My hand.**

(John 10.28)

When you have said, or done, something which you know is wrong, you must always come to Me *straight away*.

The important thing is not *what* you did. What is important is that you are truly sorry about it. I want you to know that you are forgiven, straight away, when you are truly sorry, because My love for you is so great.

Remember, always, to be sorry that the wrong thing hurt Me ...

Even if you have said or done something wrong many times over, never believe that I do not want to forgive you. Just come, and let Me take the wrong thing away.

And remember, *always*, to forgive other people, as I have forgiven you.

**I am the Lord your God ... loving,
forgiving and endlessly patient.**

(Exodus 34.6)

You see so many sad things around you. You see people who are ill, people who are without food, people hating each other ...

You will feel, sometimes, that perhaps God is not there, that you are alone.

I want you to say 'no' to those feelings that I am not there. I want you to talk to Me, to tell Me that you trust Me - even if things make you wonder about Me.

What people call 'good luck' and bad luck' do not really matter. What *really* matters is whether I share your life, whether you are living with Me, or whether you are trying to live without Me.

Tell Me often, 'Lord Jesus, I know that You are with Me, and will never let Me down'.

**Happy are those who
have not seen Me, but believe.**

(John 20.29)

So many of the things which you hope for do not happen. So many plans which you make go wrong. So many people can let you down.

Yes, life is full of *disappointments* - large and small - because this world is far from perfect, and because there are forces working against Me. My child, do not be defeated by disappointments. Very often I will be saving you from something - *knowing what the future holds for you*. If a thing can't be changed, accept it. If I allowed it, it won't be able to hurt you for long. Soon you will learn to be peaceful and patient when disappointments come.

Whatever may disappoint you for a time, remember that the only priceless gift is one which you have already ...Myself!

What good is it to you if you gain the whole world, but lose your own soul?

(Matthew 8.38)

It is because I lived a human life upon earth that I can understand those things which make you sad, those things which make life hard.

Remember that I am not only all around you, but live in you by My Spirit. This is why I feel what you feel. When life is very difficult, when you are disappointed, when you are terribly upset, My love will feel much stronger if you share these things with Me.

If you share life's difficult places with Me, I can always *turn them* into something which is going to be good for you.

**Your sadness will be
turned into joy.**

(John 16.20)

Those who come to know Me best are those who put Me in first place!

If it is 'Jesus first', it makes all the difference to your life.

If I am in first place, if you want to please Me, you will not have to try so hard, or fail so often. You will know that you are on a journey.

If I am your Friend, you will still be able to enjoy other friends. You will enjoy those friends *even more* if I am the Friend and Master of your life.

If I am in first place, your life will be what it was *meant* to be ... the sort of life which those who try to live without Me have never found.

**Find your greatest happiness
in knowing Me.**

(Jeremiah 9.24)

Things which you can touch or see may seem more important than those which you can't ...

I came to this world to teach people that the *really* important things are invisible.

The one thing which will last for ever is My kingdom ... My kingdom of love.

Everything will fade away one day, except My kingdom.

You are being very wise if you decide now that the unseen things are important for you.

If you talk to Me often, if you show love and kindness to others, it means that, for you, My kingdom is more important, more *real*, than the things which the world says are important.

**My kingdom does not belong
to this world**
(John 18.36)

My child, it will always help you to feel peaceful if you say My name, 'Jesus', often.

This can be just a whisper to yourself, wherever you are, whatever you are doing. Saying My name will mean that My peace is all around you, it will keep you from danger; you will start to feel stronger.

As you become a peaceful person, you will find that others who are with you will begin to feel the same as you ... My peace will reach them *through you*.

**The peace which I give you is peace
which the world can't give.**

(John 14.27)

Remember, often, how I knew about you before you were born!

Remember, each day, to thank Me that I made you, and have kept you safe. All through your life I have sent help through people who have cared for you.

Thank Me every day, as well, that on the Cross I saved you. The world would have been lost without My victory on the Cross; you are alive now because of that victory. Remember, always, that you owe everything to Me.

I want you to know how glad it makes Me when you *thank* Me, in a world where so many forget to do so.

**I have called you by your name;
you belong to Me.**
(Isaiah 43.1)

When I am your Friend, life is never just a matter of luck. I *control* all that can happen to you.

If you meet somebody, but wish it had been somebody else, do not worry. If you missed something which you wanted badly, do not worry. Just accept the way life works out - even the things which seem to happen by chance - as long as I am with you. All these things fit into My plan for you.

If you learn to *thank* Me for what comes to you as you follow Me, life will become so much easier for you. You will become more and more sure that I am leading you and planning for you.

**All power in heaven and on earth
belongs to Me.**

(Matthew 28.20)

When you do not know which way to go, it can make you afraid. If you follow Me, there will be times when you will not know exactly what lies ahead of you.

If you do not know what is just around the corner, you can be sure that it is something which I see is right for you *if* you are keeping close to Me.

You do not always have to 'do something' or to 'decide something' quickly. If you keep close to Me, you will know more clearly *when* something must be done or *when* to wait patiently. You can be sure that you are just where I want you to be at that time, if you keep close to Me.

**Your father knows
what you really need.**

(Matthew 6.8)

Following Me is all about trust ...

You become a trusting person by asking Me to come into difficult situations, and *then* watching how I begin to help you.

If someone lets you down, if you are disappointed about something, it does not really matter as long as you have shared it with Me and are learning to trust.

Think of how a little child looks upwards with trust as it holds the hand of a father or mother. I have hold of *your* hand and you can look up at Me with trust, in the same way.

I hold you very firmly. As you trust, it means that I am *working* to meet all your needs. *Anything* which I see as right for you I can do. Tell Me *every* day that you trust Me.

I will never let you down.

(Joshua 1.5)

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