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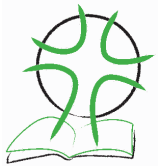
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(NKJ version)

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If you haven't done that, this would be a great time to do it. Just ask Him to save you and to be the Lord of your life. Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose from the dead. Give Him your life. Then you will know that your name is written in the Book of Life, and this verse won't apply to you.



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Dear Lord Jesus,

I am sorry for all the things I've done wrong in my life. I ask for your forgiveness and now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you for dying on the cross to set me free from my sins. Please come into my life and fill me with the Holy Spirit and be with me forever. Thank you Lord Jesus, Amen.



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