

Heavenly Father,
For the prayer within, we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, we know that we are all sinners. Some of our sins are obvious and others not so much, but they are all sins. If we were graded on how well we are doing with the sins in our lives, everyone would receive an F. Even if it was possible for a person to have committed only one sin in their whole life, that person would still receive an F. Our Heavenly Father demands perfection. He does know however that no one would ever be with him in Heaven outside of you, Jesus, if we had to live up to that expectation. Sometimes we may think that if we try hard enough that we could be sin free for an entire day.

In a scenario, a man along with his wife attend church regularly and accept Jesus as their savior. The man is ready to leave for work and head to his office, so he kisses his wife and leaves their house. On the way a careless driver cuts him off in traffic, so he gets angry and shows the careless driver the sign of one of our feathery friends. When he arrives at the office he sees someone who received a promotion instead of himself and despises that person. At morning break, in knowing that the one promoted is having some difficulty in getting fully settled into the new position, starts criticizing him. He tells some of his colleagues that he wouldn't have had a problem transitioning into that position. At lunch he forgets to give thanks for the food he is about to eat. In the afternoon he is confronted by his supervisor about taking too much time on a critical project. So he blames others in the office for delays in his work. Then later in the day after completing the project with help from some of his colleagues, he without crediting them brags that with hard work he alone was able to rapidly complete it. At the end of the work day he has no plans and would just heads for home. One of his colleagues asked him for some advice about a personal difficulty in his life. But instead of patiently listening to his colleague, he told him that he didn't have the time and that his colleague would have to figure it out for himself. After returning home while not even giving a thought to any of this, he tells his wife, "I think that I could tell Jesus that I had a whole day without committing any sins at all."

This was only a scenario, but I'm sure if this had been real you, Jesus, would have seen many more sins committed by this person on his "sin free day." With us, Jesus, you don't see only some of our sins, but all of them. Our Heavenly Father hates all of our sins, but he loves us more, much more. That is why he had you, Jesus, sacrifice your sinless self on the cross to pay for all of our sins, meaning every sin that we have ever committed in our whole lives. This is guaranteed forgiveness after we have confessed with sincerity and in sorrow for all of our sins to you, Jesus. Then by keeping you, Jesus, in our lives for the remainder of our time on earth, we will receive the everlasting gift of that sin free and problem free place of beauty known as Heaven. There we will finally meet you, Jesus, and be reunited with all of our believing loved ones and friends. It is amazing what God's love does for us. How can we ever thank you enough, Jesus? I guess the best way is to faithfully follow you, Jesus, and try to bring a few others along the way.

Lord In Your Mercy
Hear Our Prayer
Amen.