

Heavenly Father,
We pray in the name of your son our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jesus, we are now in the season of Lent. This time of the church year gives us an increased focus on our sinful nature as we approach Holy Week. The number of sins that we have committed in the past year we cannot begin to count.

Lord, many of us try to live a life that we hope is pleasing to you, but oh how we fail. We may say something that we shouldn't have said and later wish we had not said it. However the sin has already been committed. We may go out and do something that we later regret doing because it hurt someone. Once done it's still a sin committed. We may be in a position to think that if we tell the truth to someone it could be terrible for them, so we tell a lie instead. A lie is a lie and is still a sin. Some of us may have a sin hanging over us that we feel is far worse or perhaps unforgivable. Everyday these sins keep mounting up; how can we correct this or make it all go away?

Jesus, we cry out to you and say, "Please help me get out of this sinful mess?" We tell you with sorrow in our hearts, "Please, Jesus, I have done so much wrong; I confess this to you, please forgive me." Then in scripture you, Jesus, tell us that you paid for all of our sins by your sacrifice on the cross, and the third day after rose from death in the grave. Later when you ascended into Heaven, you opened the way there for all of us who believe and trust in you. After your granting forgiveness, Jesus, if we were to ask you, "What about all of those sins?" With what you tell us in scripture, Jesus, you would probably tell us, "What sins, they are all gone."

Jesus, you bless us with such great news. You took all of the punishment that we deserve to the cross giving up your life to preserve ours. Then after this life for us ends, what a gift! What a blessing for a new life forever in that paradise of Heaven. And you, Jesus, will be right there with us in this beautiful eternal home. With joy and excitement in our hearts, we give you thanks, Jesus!

Lord In Your Mercy
Hear Our Prayer
Amen.