

“Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner. I know that hell is the penalty for my sin and that I deserve to go there. I believe You are the Son of God who loves me, and that You died and rose again from the dead. I now ask You to please forgive me of all my sins. Please come into my heart and take me to heaven when I die. Thank you for saving me, and help me now to live for You. Amen.”

One day you will stand before God. Will you be able to boldly come before Him, having trusted in Jesus for salvation and hear your Him say “Enter thou into the joy of the Lord!” Or will you stand before Him in your sin, like that vineyard full of wild grapes, and hear the Lord say “What more could I have done? Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire.”

If you have just prayed to receive Jesus as your personal Saviour please write us today and tell us!

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The original story of the man who did all he could with his vineyard
is found in Isaiah chapter five

THE GRAPE

DILEMMA



A wealthy businessman once invested in a plot of land with the intention of planting a vineyard.

He spent months preparing the land, removing stones, adding needed nutrients to the soil, putting in the highest quality posts and fencing. Once the ground was ready he planted it with only the choicest vines.

The businessman hired only the best men to tend to his vines. Every day they would go out and do everything they could to guarantee a fruitful crop.

When harvest time finally came the businessman went out to his vineyard to see what sort of a crop his vineyard had produced.

Instead of magnificent merlot and stunning sauvignon blanc, all he saw was vine after vine of untamed, bitter, wild grapes! They were not good for anything.

The owner sat down on his high quality fence. Looking over his vines he lamented, "My poor vineyard. What more could I have done? My vines are good for nothing. I have no choice but to rip them out and start over."

"What More could He have done?"

Did you know that **you** are a lot like that vineyard.

God has personally created everyone on earth. God's original plan and desire is for man to spend eternity in heaven with him. However there is one problem: people sin. Sin is **anything** we do that breaks God's laws – everything from telling a "white lie" to murder. Sin separates us from God and sin ensures that we will never

be able to live in heaven in the presence of God. But...

God is like the owner of the vineyard. He saw the dilemma of man. Like the vineyard owner tending to his vines, God has done everything that he can to save you from your sin short of *making* you believe. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the penalty of your sin on your behalf. He gave you the Bible, which tells of God's love for you and his provision of salvation. He sent men and women out to preach his message of salvation to you. And finally, he put this little piece of paper in your hands today, warning you of what God thinks of your sin and your need for a Saviour. God has done everything he can. Now it is up to you! Will you:

Admit you are a sinner who has done wrong.
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"
Romans 3:23

Realize the penalty for your sin is death and hell.
"For the wages of sin is death..."
Romans 6:23

Understand that Jesus loves you and died for you.
"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

Turn to and **Trust** Jesus alone to take you save you from your sin.
"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
Romans 10:9

If you can admit and believe these things, then ask the Lord to save you right now! It has to come from your heart! There is no "magic prayer" but here is an example of what you might pray: