

## **EXALTING JESUS, OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOR**

When the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:4-7 NASB).

- Take time today to thank God for the wonderful gift of eternal life, the kindness He so graciously demonstrated toward us through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:4).
- Pray that the lost living in your neighborhood will understand that salvation does not come to us based on righteous deeds we have done, but through God's mercy as we put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone and His saving work (Titus 3:5).
- Scripture says that the Holy Spirit glorifies and exalts Jesus when He discloses to individuals the glorious truths about Christ. Pray that at some point today, the Holy Spirit will point someone you know to Jesus, convicting them of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8, 14).
- Just as Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), pray that your church family will have the same kind of heart in pointing people to the Savior.
- Peter tells us that God is patient toward us, not wishing for anyone to perish, but desiring everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Pray specifically for someone you know is lost to come to repentance and to see that without Christ they will surely perish.
- Paul urged Timothy and the church at Ephesus to pray for everyone because God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Pray that your church family will pray regularly for every person in your community to be saved.
  - In 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, we see that "the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." Pray that Satan's blinders will be removed from the lost near you so they can see and understand the true gospel of Christ.

- Many Samaritans came to believe in Jesus because of the testimony of the woman at the well (John 4:39). Pray that the members of your church family will become just as bold in telling others that Jesus is indeed the Savior of the world.
- Peter testified before the high priest and the Council in Jerusalem that Jesus had been exalted to God's right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31). Pray that people in your community will see that Jesus is still granting repentance and forgiveness.
- Since Jesus Christ is the head and Savior of the church body (Ephesians 5:23), pray that your local church's members will submit to His lordship, honoring Him on a daily basis as their head.
- One reason we can exalt our Savior Christ Jesus today is because He has "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10). Let's praise God that because of Jesus, we are free from the clutches of eternal death.
- Peter reminds us that we are united in faith with other Christians by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:1). Please pause right now and thank God for the way Jesus has enabled you to experience koinonia fellowship with other believers.
- Pray that the members of your church family will be diligent to make certain about Christ's calling and choosing them to be a part of God's forever family (2 Peter 1:10-11). Pray that they will respond fully to that which has been supplied for them through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Some people have temporarily "escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," only to become entangled in them again (2 Peter 2:20). Pray against this route for the people you know, since their last state will be worse for them than the first.

- Because Jesus is our Savior, everything He says is important (2 Peter 3:1-2). Please pray that everyone who is a part of your church family will treasure God's Word and faithfully keep every commandment of our Lord and Savior.
- Peter warns us as believers not to be carried away by the error of unscrupulous people (2 Peter 3:17-18). Pray instead that we will grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- John testified that "the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14). Pray that Christians in your community will testify to the lost that God "loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [the appeasing sacrifice] for our sins" (1 John 4:10).
- In describing Himself and His ministry, Jesus referred to an Old Testament passage which says that "the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted" (Isaiah 61:1). Pray that those in your neighborhood who are afflicted by sin will be delivered by the good news of the Savior.
- Pray that there will be many in your city who rejoice greatly in the Lord as He clothes them with garments of salvation and wraps them in robes of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).
- Many people are fearful of issues related to both living and dying. Pray for any around you who are walking in fear. Pray that David's confidence will be theirs: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread" (Psalm 27:1)?
- No matter what circumstances or challenges you or your loved ones are facing, pray that everyone will have the resolve of Habakkuk, who prayed, "Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines . . . yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation" (Habakkuk 3:17-18).
- Pray for your church's pastors and elders, asking God to make them eager to preach the gospel. Pray that they will not be ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:15-16).

- 23 Since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), pray that God will send the type of revival where all people will come to know the Savior, Jesus Christ.
- An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that Mary would bear a Son. The angel said, "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). Thank God today for sending a Savior to rescue us from our sins.
- As people all over the world celebrate the birth of Christ today, pray that He will not be seen just as an infant in a manger, but as "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).
- When Jesus was eight days old, Simeon saw Him being dedicated at the temple and described Him as "A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Pray that everyone will recognize the glory Jesus bears as Savior of the world.
- Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, "It is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed" (Romans 13:11). Pray that Christians will live with an increasing spiritual sensitivity and the expectation of meeting Jesus our Savior very soon.
- When it comes to responding to the message of our Savior, pray that people in your city will not put off or delay getting right with God (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- As people hear the gospel of Jesus, pray that they will experience a sorrow that is according to the will of God—the kind of sorrow that produces repentance without regret, leading to salvation (2 Corinthians 7:10).
- Because of all that our Savior Jesus Christ has done, we have received an inheritance that reflects His eternal glory (Ephesians 1:11-12). Let's thank Him again for being such a wonderful, gracious, giving Savior!
- 31 Since every true believer is a citizen of heaven, pray that we will wait and watch eagerly for the return of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, rejoicing in the transforming power of His rule and reign (Philippians 3:20-21).