

Sinners

Psalm 1:1-Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (KJV)

Christians are expected to consciously reject and avoid sinful thoughts and actions. Persons and places that foster sinful thoughts and actions are to be firmly avoided. From the time of Holy Baptism believers are to pursue a life embracing Christ. Every believer sins intentionally or unintentionally and is to immediately repent. The Jesus Prayer fortifies believers in combating sin and in seeking Christ's mercy.

Psalm 1:5-Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (KJV)

The Jesus Prayer keeps the believer focused on Jesus Christ and away from sin. Saying "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God have mercy on me a sinner" instills armor. Believers resolutely repel and firmly fight against sin by reciting The Jesus Prayer. Temptations and perils to the soul are readily overcome by using The Jesus Prayer. Fervently saying The Jesus Prayer is effective for cleansing and purifying the soul.

Psalm 24/25:8-Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ unites with the believer in the recitation of The Jesus Prayer. Believers learn from the Lord Jesus Christ the way to the Heavenly Kingdom. The path to eternal life and the Heavenly Kingdom requires focus on Jesus Christ. Fervently focusing on Jesus Christ is accomplished through The Jesus Prayer. Personal relationships are well- managed through reliance on The Jesus Prayer.

Psalm 25/26:9-Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: (KJV)

Conflicts become manageable and put in perspective by use of The Jesus Prayer. The Jesus Prayer helps believers navigate perilous moments arising in daily life. Perilous temptations to become angry are overcome by using The Jesus Prayer. Believers retreating into personal prayer avoid dangerous circumstances in life. Serious prayer's value is ultimately verified in the results manifested in daily life.

Psalm 50/51:13-Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. (KJV)

God's Holy Church proclaims the benefits of fervent prayer through the centuries. Attentive believers learn from Jesus Christ to seriously pray. (Mt.14:23, Mt.26:36. Lk. 5:16) Focused prayer enables believers to deal with life's occurring daily challenges. Jesus Christ teaches believers to repent and seek God's Heavenly Kingdom. (Mt.4:17) Joy comes by fully embracing Jesus Christ in prayer and in Holy Communion.

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