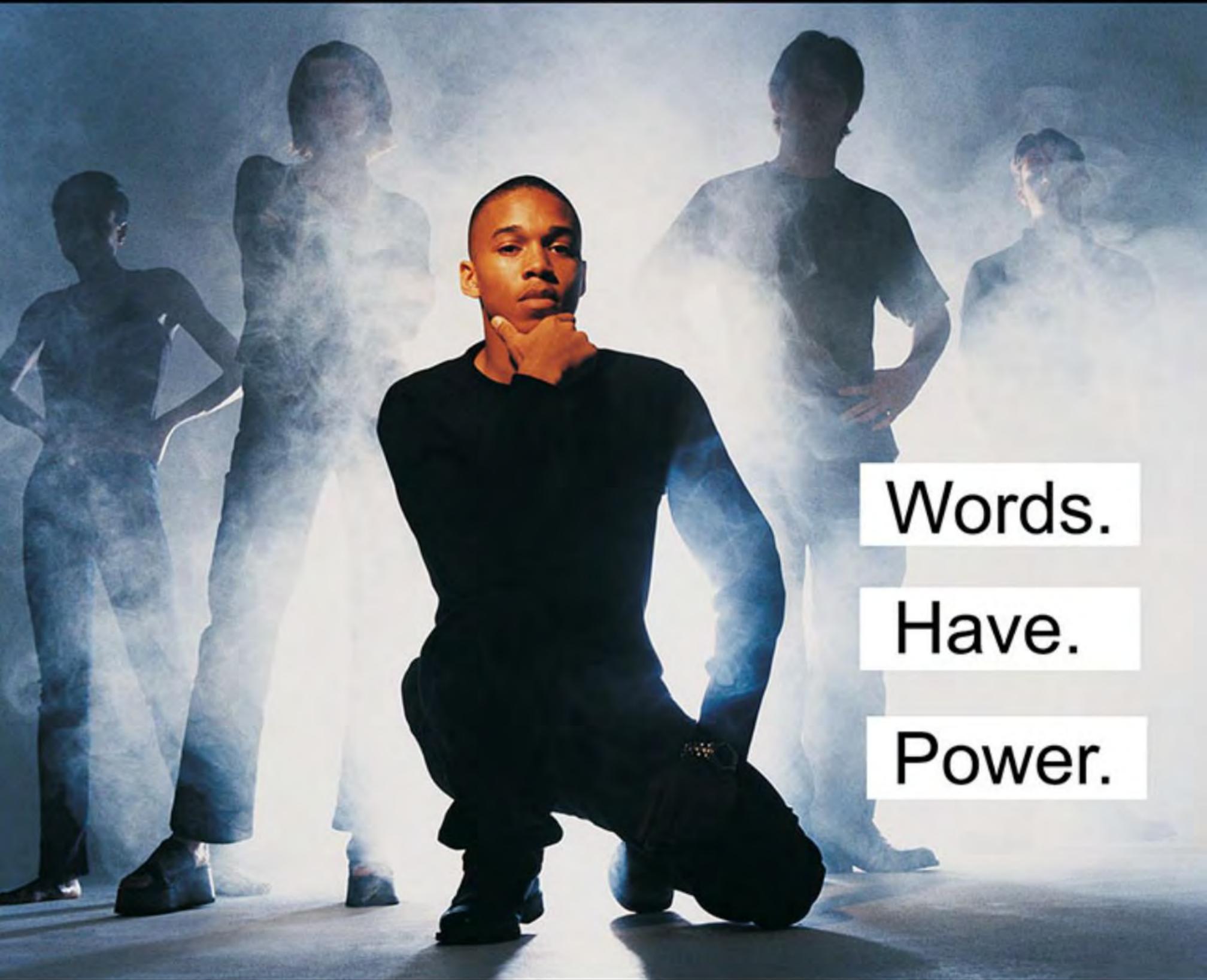


Prayers and Confessions



Words.

Have.

Power.

**TEENS & YOUNG
ADULTS**

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Accepting Christ

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? You might have heard this question before, but not quite understood what it meant. You can attend church, and even get baptized without truly having a personal relationship with God.

As a Christian, having a personal relationship with God means that you believe that Christ—the son of God—came to save you from sin and death. As a result, you develop your own prayer life. You find a church that fits your personality and spiritual needs. You confess or say good words over your life. Basically, you do not rely on your parents' or friends' prayers. You must maintain your own faith.

If you are sure that you are already a Christian, then great! However, if you know someone who needs to follow the steps to accepting Christ, then please share this book with them. Before these prayers and confessions can be activated in your life, you must be a believer in Jesus Christ.

As Jesus says in John 14: 6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (NKJV). Through Jesus Christ, you are made right with God. You are free from sin or the wrong things you do. You are free from shame, guilt, condemnation or feeling bad about yourself.

You are free to live, love and prosper! Jesus came and died to give you abundant life. All you need to do is have faith that the following words you speak will invite the spirit of Christ into your heart and save your soul from sin and death, so that you have access to heaven and all of the good things God wants you to have here on earth. Yes, accepting Christ is easy. But, living the Christian life is difficult, because this world is hard and filled with darkness.

However, there is good news! Through your faith in Christ and the words you speak, you have victory over every bad situation or challenge in your life! God has given us power to conquer any darkness or evil that comes against us in our minds or through other people by our faith in Jesus Christ. After you have accepted Christ, connect with other right-minded, Christian believers to help you keep the faith.

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

You need to be saved from your wrong behavior (sins) and wrong thoughts.

Romans 3:23-24 (NLT): “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.”

God sent his son, Jesus, to free you from your sins.

John 3:16 (NCV): “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.”

Your faith in Jesus puts you in right relationship with God.

John 14:6 (NCV): Jesus answered, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.”

Speaking or confessing your faith in Christ is the first step to salvation.

Romans 10:9-10 (NCV): “If you declare with your mouth, “*Jesus is Lord*,” and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we declare with our mouths that we believe, and so we are saved.”

STEPS TO SALVATION

Acknowledge— Recognize that you have done wrong things. You have said wrong words, and thought wrong ideas.

1 John 1:8 (NCV): “If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Repent— Realize how awful it is to live without God, doing wrong things. Apologize to God for your sins. Ask God to forgive you for all of your wrongdoing. Determine in your heart, mind and soul to become a better person.

Acts 3:19 (NCV): “So you must change your hearts and lives! Come back to God, and he will forgive your sins.”

Confess—Tell God about the wrong things you have said, done, and thought. Confessing your sins frees you from feeling guilty or judged.

1 John 1:9 (NCV): “But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done.”

Forsake— Give up everything you have been involved in that is not loving, kind, just or pleasing to God. Violent video games and T.V. shows, bad behaviors, wrong relationships...ask God to help you leave all of those things behind.

Isaiah 55:7 (NCV): “The wicked should stop doing wrong, and they should stop their evil thoughts. They should return to the Lord so he may have mercy on them.”

Believe— Believe that God sent his only son Jesus to live on earth as a man, die on the cross, and rise again into heaven to save you from your sins.

John 3:16 (NLT): “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Receive— Invite Christ and his Holy Spirit into your heart to change your life, and to help you do the right thing every day of your life.

John 1:12 (NLT): “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear God,

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask you to forgive me. Have mercy on me. Take away my guilt and shame. Deliver me from every wrong desire, bad habit and wrong thought that has caused trouble in my life. I believe that Jesus Christ died for me, and I want to turn from my sins. Jesus, come into my heart and be my personal Lord and Saviour right now. I promise to obey you. Help me to follow you all the days of my life. I want to be a child of God.

Thank you Jesus for dying for my sins and making me right with God. I put my life in your hands. May God's will and good plans be done in my life. From this day forward, I serve Jehovah, the one true God, all the days of my life. In the name of Jesus, I declare that I am no longer a sinner! I am a beloved child of God! I am saved!

In the mighty name of Jesus, I thank you that it is so.
Amen.

Bullying

*“...the battle is not yours, but
God’s” (2 Chronicles 20:15, NLT).*

Heavenly Father,

As I go to school or work, protect me from evil intentions and all the works of the enemy. I am covered by the blood of Jesus Christ, and nothing can hurt me. As a child of God, no person has the right to push, shove, touch, yell, curse or commit physical or verbal violence against me.

I declare that I am always safe. I am brave. I am strong, as I wait for the Lord’s help. God, you are faithful to guard me from the evil one. Thank you for protecting me. Thank you for assigning angels to watch over me wherever I go. Lord, this bullying behavior toward me and others around me must stop right now, in the mighty name of Jesus!

Give me the wisdom to hold my peace, because you will fight my battles. But, thank you for giving me courage to stand strong and defend myself. Lord, you said you will fight for me, and contend with

those who contend with me. You hate evil, and you rescue me from the power of the wicked. God, I place this situation in your hands. Let your will be done.

Lord, forgive me for not speaking up when I have witnessed bullying. Give me the courage to report these incidents to authorities. Give me power to intercede for those who cannot defend themselves. Your word says you have given me power over the enemy, and nothing can hurt me. Save everyone who is being bullied. Protect them, and send people to help them. I am not afraid, because you are always with me.

Father God, I will not allow myself or anyone around me to be hurt or abused. But, your word says to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute you. God, I pray that those who bully others will stop, get help, and turn from their wicked ways. Let them repent, right now, for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

In the name of Jesus, I thank you that all is well.
Amen.

Scripture References

- 2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT)** He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."
- 2 Thess. 3:3** But the Lord is faithful and will give you strength and will protect you from the Evil One.
- Psalms 3:3** But, Lord, you are my shield, my wonderful God who gives me courage.
- Exodus 14:14 (NKJV)** The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.
- Psalms 91:11** He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go.
- Isaiah 49:25** But thus says the Lord: Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the

terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.

Psalm 91:9-11 The Lord is your protection; you have made God Most High your place of safety. Nothing bad will happen to you; no disaster will come to your home. He has put his angels in charge of you to watch over you wherever you go.

Luke 10:19 Listen, I have given you power to walk on snakes and scorpions, power that is greater than the enemy has. So nothing will hurt you.

Matthew 5:44 (NLT) But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.