

Here is a simple prayer that you can say to accept Him now: -

"O God, I admit that I am guilty of breaking your laws, I am willing to turn my back on my failings, and ask you to pardon me. I take Jesus Christ to be my own Saviour and Lord. Amen"

Signed.....

Dated

Bible references

(1) Romans 6:23 (2) Galatians 1:4 (3) Psalm 23:4 (4) 1 Corinthians 15:56

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Facing The Facts

Marganita Laskey was a famous humanist who made an extraordinary statement as part of a radio interview. She said *"We must face the fact that we are guilty, we are lonely, and that we are going to die."*

Let's face the facts that she presented: -

Guilty We often say "Nobody is perfect", but we seldom realise that doing things we know to be wrong has a spiritual implication. We may try to dismiss "sin" as an outmoded idea, but living in God's world (and almost all of us believe in God), we must be subject to His laws, so if we break them, we must be guilty. Guilt can only be cancelled out by a pardon, or by paying the penalty. The bible teaches that the penalty (wages) of sin is death, but the pardon (or gift) from God is eternal life (1). To be free from the penalty, we must accept the pardon, which was what Jesus Christ died on the Cross to achieve for us, if we accept it.

Lonely We often feel lonely, even in a crowd; there are many smiling faces that hide a lonely person inside. Yet one man wrote, " I will fear no evil, for you are with me" (3).

Many people over the centuries have found that even in solitary confinement that the presence of Jesus Christ is so strong that He can almost be touched. This is the experience of men like Terry Waite, Geoffrey Bull, and the writer John Bunyan.

In less dangerous circumstances we too can experience His presence, and realise that we have a constant companion.

Going To Die Death is the one subject we do not talk about in this new century. Yet our TV screens remind us daily that our lives are fragile, and a terrorist bomb, or a suicide plane pilot can send us out of this world in an instant. One TV programme found that a third of the large audience feared death, a fifth believed in life after death, only one in ten had really thought about it, and only one person there was looking forward to it. The Bible says that it is our sin that makes death painful (4) If we have no answer to death, then perhaps we are better off not facing it. Yet we know that the only inevitable thing about life is death. The bible teaches that death is not to be feared. Jesus Christ offers to take away our guilt, so we can be presented to God as fault-less. All we have to do is :-

Acknowledge that we are guilty in the eyes of God
Ask Christ to remove our sin, by using his death on the cross as a substitute for the punishment we had deserved

Accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend for the rest of our lives.

***Guilt - Loneliness - Death,
these are the facts of life that we can only
face when we know Jesus Christ,
first hand for ourselves.***