

God's promises

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned..."

John 3:16-18

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11-14

It may be hard to see any purpose to your life at the moment.

Prison often seems a waste of time but God has a habit of taking the messes we've made of our lives and making something really good out of them. He can do that, even in prison. Many prisoners have found that Jesus gives their lives meaning and purpose.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I don't know what the future holds. I need someone to lead me. Thank you that you want to know me. Thank you for dying for me. Please forgive me for the wrong things I've done. Help me to believe you and trust you. Take my life and make it useful.

Amen



Who cares?

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This might be a question that you are asking at the moment. You might be feeling isolated and lonely; maybe your friends haven't visited you. We want to offer you hope and encouragement.

Someone does care about you.

Even if you have ignored God all your life, he still cares about you. He's only a prayer away. He loves you and wants you to know Him, no matter what you have done in the past. Jesus Christ promised this: "I will never turn away anyone who comes to me."

John 6:37

A prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
You were a prisoner.
You understand what it means
to be in a place like this.

I find it hard to believe that you care about me, but you say that you do.

I come to you now and ask you to help me cope with life in here.

Help me when I am bored and depressed. Help me to know that you are here and that I can talk to you.

Amen

A purpose

The Bible tells us how we can know God as a personal friend.

It also tells us about life.

If you haven't got a Bible in today's English, ask the Chaplain for one.

A good place to start reading is in Mark's Gospel (the second book in the New Testament) which is about the life of Jesus.

Helpful Bible verses

When you are lonely

Psalms 27

When you are afraid

Isaiah 41:10

When you are worried

Matthew 6:25-34

When you are weary

Matthew 11:28-30

How to become a Christian

Romans 10:9-13