

# LIVING FOR JESUS TODAY

Here is a good idea for you when waking every day.  
Set your first thoughts on Jesus as 'The Life, the Truth, the Way'.  
Ponder what Jesus means to you - the blessings you've received.  
They're all 'in Christ', assured to us from when we first believed.

Philippians 4:19 declares our needs met 'in Christ Jesus',  
who lived and died, but conquered death to save us and to change us.  
Salvation in this sense means that our sins have been forgiven.  
'Eternal life' is also ours, God's gift this side of heaven.

It means a right relationship with God through Christ alone -  
what Jesus called 'abundant life' which can be known and shown.  
There are so many changes that our God can bring about.  
Salvation is what 'God works in', which we must then 'work out'.

We are not perfect all at once, but we have left first base.  
Then we must read and heed God's Word to help us 'grow in grace'.  
Scripture is full of promises which we in prayer may claim,  
for Jesus said that we can 'ask the Father in my Name'.

Prayer is our daily life-line, when in Jesus' Name we plead,  
and tap into God's promises, a privilege indeed!  
We also need the fellowship of those who are believers -  
a church where Bible truth is shared and we are all receivers.

We're all like 'living letters' that so many people read.  
They will not read the Bible, but they all have a deep need.  
They need to be put right with God and we must help them see  
how precious Jesus is in life and in eternity.

God bless you as you travel on in knowing and in growing.  
As you put Jesus first in life your witness will be showing.  
His saving grace and constant love for us will never end,  
and we are called to represent our Saviour, Lord and Friend.

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## **Bible References:**

*John 14:6;*  
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