



# Returning Back Home

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# EPHESIANS 6:18 NIV

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

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# 1] The need for repentance

# ROMANS 3:23 NIV

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short  
of the glory of God

# ROMANS 6:23 NIV

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in our Lord.

# ACTS 3:19-20 TPT

<sup>19</sup> And now you must repent and turn back to God so that your sins will be removed, and so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord's presence.

# ACTS 3:19-20 TPT

<sup>20</sup> And he will send you Jesus, the Messiah, the chosen one for you.

# 2] The heart in repentance

# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and  
cleanse me from my sin.

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## PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within  
me.

# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your  
salvation and grant me a willing spirit,  
to sustain me.

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## PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Saviour, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>15</sup> Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth  
will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I  
would bring it; you do not take  
pleasure in burnt offerings.

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>17</sup> My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

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# PSALM 51:1-19 NIV

<sup>19</sup> Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

# PSALM 97:10 NIV

<sup>10</sup> Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

# 3] The prayer of repentance

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## JAMES 4: 7-10 NIV

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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## JAMES 4: 7-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

# 3] The prayer of repentance

PICTURE

## LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

17 "Humiliated, the son finally realized what he was doing and he thought, 'There are many workers at my father's house who have all the food they want with plenty to spare. They lack nothing.'

## LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

Why am I here dying of hunger, feeding these pigs and eating their slop? <sup>18</sup> I want to go back home to my father's house, and I'll say to him, "Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you."

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## LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

<sup>19</sup> I'll never be worthy to be called your son. Please, Father, just treat me like one of your employees.'"

<sup>20</sup> "So the young son set off for home. From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, *dressed as a beggar,*

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# LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love.

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# LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

21 “Then the son said, ‘Father, I was wrong. I have sinned against you. I could never deserve to be called your son. Just let me be -’

“The father interrupted and said, ‘Son, you’re home now!’

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## LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

22 “Turning to his servants, the father said, ‘Quick, bring me the best robe, my very own robe, and I will place it on his shoulders. Bring the ring, the seal of sonship, and I will put it on his finger.’

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# LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

And bring out the best shoes you can find for my son.<sup>23</sup> Let's prepare a great feast and celebrate.  
<sup>24</sup> For this beloved son of mine was once dead, but now he's alive again.

# LUKE 15:17-24 TPT

Once he was lost, but now he is found!' And everyone celebrated with overflowing joy.