Lord, I thank You that I, ______ who have stumbled, sinned, struggled, fumbled, faltered, and failed so many times, am completely forgiven, totally accepted, and unconditionally loved with an unending and limitless love by You. I am not a sinner, and I am not an addict, but a child of God-and I am justified and sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God (<u>1 Corinthians 6: 11</u>). I am dead to sin, freed from it, and alive to You (<u>Romans 6:8-11</u>), holy, righteous, and blameless because of what Christ has done (<u>Ephesians 5:7</u>). All my sin past, present, and future have been paid for (<u>Colossians 2:13</u>). When Jesus said, "It is finished" (<u>John 19:30</u>), He meant it.

I am free forever from condemnation, judgment, shame, guilt, and punishment (*Romans 8:1*). The last judgment for the Christian was at the cross. Sin is no longer an issue. The only issue in my life is my relationship with Christ. I do not focus on what to do or not do, but on Jesus who is in me. I am united with Christ and He is one with me (<u>1</u> Corinthians 6:17). I do not try anything, attempt anything, or intend anything; I simply accept the fact that I am accepted and trust Christ as my life (*Colossians 3:4*). I am not under law, but under grace (*Romans 6:14*), and I have been set free to live a free life (*Galatians 5: 1*). I do not submit to rules, steps, principles, or regulations as they have no power against the desires of the flesh (*Colossians 2:20-23*). I submit to God and resist the devil, knowing that he will flee from me (*James 4:7*). I am released from the law, its demands, people's opinions, religious systems, and church traditions and now live in the new life of the Spirit (*Romans 7:6*). No matter what I do or do not do, God is going to love, accept, and bless me throughout all eternity.

I am complete in Christ (<u>Colossians 2:10</u>) and cannot get any more complete than that. God has given me everything I need for life and godliness by knowing Jesus, and He has given me His very great and precious promises that I may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires (<u>2 Peter 1:3-4</u>). I am a joint heir with Christ (<u>Romans 8:17</u>). God is for me, so who can be against me? He gave us His only Son for me and will give me all things (<u>Romans 8:31-32</u>).

The old sin-loving sinner I was has been crucified and is dead and buried (<u>Romans 6:4-5</u>). I have been raised up with Christ and am a new creation (<u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u>). Christ lives in me, and I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me (<u>Galatians 2:20</u>). Because of His great love for me God made me alive in Christ even when I was dead in my sins (<u>Ephesians 2:4-5</u>). I have been given a spirit of wisdom and revelation into the knowledge of Christ. His immeasurable power for me and in me is the power that raised Christ from the dead.

God has raised me up with Christ and seated me with Him far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and has put all things under Christ's Feet and made Him head over everything (*Ephesians 1: 17-21*). So, all things (problems, trials, opposition, and setbacks) are under my feet since I am in Christ, and God causes all things to work together for my good (*Romans 8:28*). I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me (*1 John 5: 18*). Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world (*1 John 4:4*). I have been delivered from my besetting sin and am set free to live in a personal, intimate, face to face relationship with Jesus with no space between us.

If I fail, I realize that I am not acting according to my true identity in Christ and it's not me but sin in me that is doing it (*Romans 7: 17*). This does not affect God's love and acceptance of me, and I confess my sin and thank God I am forgiven. As my flesh continually fights against the Spirit in me (*Galatians 5: 17*), I cast out thoughts opposed to God in me in every situation and take captive every thought to the obedience of Christ and think truth (*2 Corinthians 10:4-5*).

I am rooted and grounded in His love, and I understand how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge that I may be filled with all the fullness of God (*Ephesians 3:16-19*). No Charge can be brought against me. No one can condemn me (*Romans 8:33-34*). No matter what comes my way-affliction, trouble, persecution, or-danger-overwhelming victory is mine through Christ who loves me (*Romans 8:35, 37*). My fears for today, my worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell cannot keep God's love away (*Romans 8:38-39*). So, I can love and accept others as God accepts me.

Thank You, God, that you have given me the victory (<u>1 Corinthians 15:57</u>) and I do not have to achieve it but believe it and receive it (<u>1 John 5:4</u>). I have received the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness and reign in life through Christ, my Lord, my Savior, and my life (<u>Romans 5: 17</u>). Lord, you are the one who has called me, and You are faithful and You will do it (<u>1 Thessalonians 5:24</u>). Your grace is enough. It is all I need for now and all eternity. Your power is made perfecting my weakness and limitations (<u>2 Corinthians 12:8-9</u>). I am invincible, bulletproof, victorious, and free in Christ.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all I can ask or imagine according to His power that is at work in me-to Him be glory in the church and in Christ throughout all ages, forever and ever. Amen! (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

Scriptures Referred to in the Declarations

John 19:30 ESV - [30] When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Back

Romans 5:17 ESV - [17] For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <u>Back</u>

Romans 6:4-5 ESV - [4] We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <u>Back</u>

Romans 6:8-11 ESV - [8] Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Back

Romans 6:14 ESV - [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. Back

Romans 7:6 ESV - [6] But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. Back

Romans 7:17 ESV - [17] So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. Back

Romans 8:1 ESV - [1] There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Back

Romans 8:17 ESV - [17] and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Back

Romans 8:28 ESV - [28] And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <u>Back</u>

Romans 8:31-32 ESV - [31] What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Back

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Romans 8:33-34 ESV - [33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <u>Back</u>

Romans 8:35, 37 ESV - [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... [37] No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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Romans 8:38-39 ESV - [38] For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Back

- 1 Corinthians 6:11 ESV [11] And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Back
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 ESV [17] But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Back
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 ESV [57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Back
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Back
- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 ESV [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. [5] We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, Back
- 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 ESV [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <u>Back</u>

Galatians 2:20 ESV - [20] I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <u>Back</u>

Galatians 5:1 ESV - [1] For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Back

Scriptures Referred to in the Declarations

Galatians 5:17 ESV - [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <u>Back</u>

Ephesians 1:17-21 ESV - [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Back

Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV - [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved. <u>Back</u>

Ephesians 3:16-19 ESV - [16] that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Back

Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV - [20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Back

Ephesians 5:7 ESV - [7] Therefore do not become partners with them; <u>Back</u>

Colossians 2:10 ESV - [10] and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Back

Colossians 2:13 ESV - [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <u>Back</u>

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Colossians 2:20-23 ESV - [20] If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations-- [21] "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" [22] (referring to things that all perish as they are used)--according to human precepts and teachings? [23] These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. Back

Colossians 3:4 ESV - [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Back

1 Thessalonians 5:24 ESV - [24] He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Back

James 4:7 ESV - [7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Back

- 2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV [3] His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, [4] by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. Back
- 1 John 4:4 ESV [4] Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. Back
- 1 John 5:4 ESV [4] For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. <u>Back</u>
- 1 John 5:18 ESV [18] We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. Back