

## **CALL ON THE LORD FOR HELP**

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“Whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved”(Acts 2: 21). This is the promise of a loving God. God who loves us with everlasting love will come to our rescue in all circumstances of life.

He will free us from sickness: Once one of my fingers was injured and swollen. I thought that after sometime it will become alright, but at night I felt unbearable pain. I thought I should go to a hospital. Then I had an urge to call on God. When I prayed to Jesus the pain decreased. The Son of God cured me. Even though it was a minor incident it was God’s intervention in my life to strengthen my faith.

A girl who was working in Saudi Arabia was infected with Hepatitis C. Even after proper treatment three tests showed no sign of it being cured. If the fourth and final test proved to be positive she would lose her job there. Before going for the fourth test she cried and prayed to Jesus. The test showed that she was cured.

Another Malayali girl who was working in Italy fell seriously ill and she was about to be brought back to India. Her spiritual director told her to repent and confess her sins and to forgive those who have offended her. “Oh! Jesus, if you cure me I will speak about you to others”, she prayed and promised. When the next test was done it was found that she was fully healed. Anyone who calls on Jesus will not be put to shame; they will see the glory of God.

He will keep them away from occasions of sin: A certain businessman in Mumbai was in the habit of drinking. But later on when he came into prayer groups, he gave up drinks. A few years ago he had to come to Delhi on some business. He was staying with some friends who urged him to join them in their drinking session. Holding the glass of alcohol he called on Jesus and prayed. Seeing that his friends no longer forced him to drink. In any dangerous situation or sinful occasion, call on the Lord for help and He will surely save you.

He will save them from death: Mr. Zacharias who lived in Faridabad had a grievous heart problem. The doctors declared that he would die soon. We comforted him saying that he won’t die but live for a long time still. We interceded for him to God. I am glad to say that God gave him back his health and he is active today. Through intercessory prayers Jesus saves people from dangers of death.

He will send His angels to save them: If we trust in Jesus God will send His angels to save us. When Paul and Silas were in prison they prayed to Jesus. Their chains fell loose, the doors were opened and they were set free (Acts 16: 27). Jesus says: If you stand by me I will save you; I will rescue you from all kinds of bondages; I will free you from your sinful habits; I will send my angels to save you from the power of illegal authorities. Believe in the Lord, keep awake His sake! Work for Him and God will protect us.