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God loves you and He wants you to become His child by receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. But God will not force you to do this. He leaves the decision up to you. God is waiting for you to tell Him that you want to become His child. The Bible teaches that you can do so by sincerely praying a prayer like the one that follows below. Look it over. Think about it. Then pray it if you wish to become a child of God.

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