

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Thank You for sending Him to die for my sins, an incredible act of love performed just for me. I am sorry for sinning against You. I believe You are a forgiving God, as Your Word says, and that You forgive me of all of my sins. I believe You raised Jesus from the grave, overcoming death, and allowing me to accept Him and receive eternal life through Him. Jesus, please come and reside in my heart and be my Savior and Lord. Amen!



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You can say the same thing in a different way. “You are special” is general, yet stating something clearly positive and to the point. This message specifically targets serious card players (those whose life is in the cards) and so we choose to shuffle our words and say it clearly positive this way: “If you were a poker hand, you’d be one of a kind.”

Open a new deck of cards and you’ll invariably find a couple of jokers. That’s just the way it is. Suppose you opened a new deck and the jokers were missing. You’d think there was a mistake in the packaging or simply appreciate not having to separate the extra jokers.

The Bible speaks of life beyond luck, serves as our new deck, and it’s in here that you find it’s stacked in your favor.

When you realize that God loves you and sent His Son to die for your sins and redeem you from all our bad life bets, then all jokers – the devil being the biggest one – are trumped by God’s grace and mercy. The choice God provides is to be “All In” for Him and to fold from the old hand the fallen world has dealt us.

So, friends, by our repentance and in God’s Spirit and power, we can be straightened out and flushed in royalty. Yes, His new hand and hope proves you are special and if you were a poker hand, you’d become a child of God and one of a kind in Christ



Oh, let’s not forget – to get into the game officially, you must ante up with this heart-felt and new life-producing prayer: