



SACRIFICE

"the act of giving up something that you want to keep"

As Christians, we all sacrifice to follow Christ. The extent of our sacrifice is determined by the strength of our faith and our personal willingness to carry the burden of Christ (Of course, this burden is actually light just as he has promised.). As Americans, we may never be given the opportunity for the ultimate sacrifice of life, but we can live a life full of service and giving.

The following prayer is one that is humbling as sometimes the burden seems too much. Wrong! I can do all this through him who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13).

Written by a young African pastor. It was found among his papers in Zimbabwe after he was martyred for his Christian faith.

"I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low-living, sight-walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, or first, or tops, or recognized, or praised, or rewarded. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power.

My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear.

I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!"

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**Jesus, help me to surrender [sacrifice] my all for You today
as I serve You and those around me for Your honor.**

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