

My son, give me your heart,
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Proverbs 23:26

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Dear Father, I need You.

I hunger and thirst for a more vital relationship with You. I admit that I have been in control of my life.

And, as a result, I have sinned against You.

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Thank You for forgiving my sins through Christ's death on the cross for me. I now confess and turn from my sins and surrender the control of my life to the Lord Jesus. By faith I invite You to fill me with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled.

You promised to fill me if I ask according to Your will. I pray this in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ.

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Other than pride.

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So where do we start?