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New Believer's Growth Guide

First steps of a life with Christ

Welcome to the family of God. If you have recently put your trust in Jesus Christ, this guide is for you — seven simple, practical first steps to help you begin well and keep growing. Take them slowly, one at a time, and ask a mature believer to walk with you.

Welcome Home

Your decision to follow Jesus is the most important decision you will ever make. You have been forgiven, received as a child of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and joined to a worldwide family. Jesus said, “Behold, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” God does not call you to earn His favour — you already have it in Christ — but to learn to live from it.

Pray this sincerely if you have not yet done so:

> “Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for me and rising again. I turn from my old life and receive You as my Lord and Saviour. Forgive me, fill me with Your Spirit, and teach me to follow You. Amen.”

Tell someone trusted today: a pastor, a small-group leader, a family member or the Prayer Dome team at info@prayerdome.net — joy shared is faith strengthened.

1. Begin with Prayer — Talk to God Every Day

Prayer is simple, honest conversation with your Father. You do not need special words — He hears you because you now belong to His Son.

- **Start small:** five minutes each morning and evening is better than an hour once a week.
- **Use a pattern:** praise, thanksgiving, confession, requests for yourself, prayer for others, then stillness to listen through Scripture.
- **Use Scripture:** the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 is a model — worship (“Hallowed be Your name”), surrender (“Your will be done”), daily bread, forgiveness, and protection.
- **Keep a journal:** write requests and dates; over weeks you will trace answered prayers and growing trust.

If you miss a day, do not carry condemnation. Return the next day. Fatherhood, not performance, is the ground of your confidence.

2. Read the Bible Daily — Hear God's Voice

The Bible is God's inspired Word to you — true, reliable, living and active. God speaks most clearly and safely through it.

- **Where to start:** the Gospel of John (who Jesus is), then Romans (what He accomplished), then Psalms (prayer) and Proverbs (wisdom). Read one chapter a day at first.
- **How to read:** pray before you read, “Lord, open my eyes,” read slowly, underline what stands out, and ask four questions: What does this teach me about God? About people and sin? What promise or command should I obey? Who can I share this with?
- **Memorise:** keep a verse a week in your heart — John 3:16, Romans 8:28, Psalm 23:1 — and rehearse it during the day.
- **Apply:** choose one action after each reading — an apology to make, a habit to start, a person to encourage, money to steward differently.

Your church provides a Bible reading plan and daily devotionals in the Prayer Dome app. Use them to keep a steady rhythm when motivation dips.

3. Join a Church Family — Faith Is Personal, Not Private

God saved you into a people. You grow fastest when you belong, contribute and are known.

- **Attend worship weekly:** come expectant, arrive early, sing wholeheartedly, receive the Word, respond in prayer.
- **Join a small group:** 6-12 people meeting weekly for worship, Bible discussion, care and outreach. This is where deep friendship and accountability form.
- **Be known:** let your leader know your story, your struggles and your gifts. Transparency invites pastoral care and protection.
- **Serve early:** do not wait until you feel “ready.” Ready grows through serving in small things.

Prayer Dome meets across Zambia (Chama), Eswatini (Manzini) and Ireland (Cork), with online worship and groups wherever you are. Ask your host or the app's Events page for the nearest gathering.

4. Practice Obedience — Walk as Jesus Walked

Discipleship is applied faith — learning to say “yes” to Jesus quickly even when feelings lag behind.

- **Be baptised:** baptism is the biblical doorway of public identification with Christ. Speak to your pastor about the next opportunity.
- **Obey His teachings:** make truthfulness, purity, forgiveness and generosity daily choices. Obedience is not drudgery; it is freedom.
- **Handle money faithfully:** honour God first, live within means, give cheerfully to gospel work, avoid debts that entangle.
- **Guard speech and habits:** let your words build others, limit influences that pull you toward darkness, and pursue rest, health and gratitude.

When you fall, return quickly. Confess sin to God and, where needed, to one trusted believer, receive forgiveness according to 1 John 1:9, and take the next right step.

5. Share Your Story — Tell What God Has Done

Every believer has a testimony: what your life was like before Christ, how you met Jesus, and what He is doing now. You do not need theological training to share this; you just need honesty.

- Write it down in three short paragraphs, two minutes long when spoken.
- Keep the focus on Jesus, not yourself — His grace, His cross, His resurrection.
- End with a gentle invitation: “Would you like to hear more, or may I pray for you?”
- Ask God for one person this week to tell.

Revelation says we overcome “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.” Your story, however ordinary you think it is, carries heaven’s authority because it points to Christ.

6. Serve — Every Member Has a Part

God saved you for participation, not observation. Every member has gifts to strengthen the body.

Prayerfully consider where to begin:

- **Prayer Team:** keeping prayer altars, praying with members, covering services.
- **Worship:** leading singing, instruments or sound where skill and character align.
- **Media & Tech:** streaming, slides, sound and online platforms.
- **Welcoming & Hospitality:** seating, first-time guests, hospitality meals.
- **Children & Youth:** teaching and safeguarding the next generation with care and training.
- **Follow-up:** contacting new believers and visitors within 48 hours.
- **Administration:** records, communication, member care and logistics.

Start with one team, attend faithfully for a term, ask for feedback, and grow from there. Faithful in little, entrusted with more.

7. Depend on the Holy Spirit — Walk in His Power and Character

The Holy Spirit now lives in you. He is not an impersonal force but the personal presence of God who convicts of sin, assures of adoption, teaches the Word, enables prayer, forms Christlike character and empowers witness.

- **Welcome Him daily:** “Holy Spirit, lead me today. Fill me and form Christ in me.”
- **Stay filled:** spend time in Scripture, worship, prayer and fellowship — these are the ordinary fuels of a Spirit-filled life.
- **Practise the fruit:** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control — choose one to grow this month.
- **Use gifts in love:** discover how God has gifted you and offer that gift humbly, under guidance, for the building of others.

A Simple 30-Day Start

| Week | Daily Prayer | Daily Reading | Action | |-----|-----|-----|-----| | 1 | Lord's Prayer aloud each morning | John 1-7, one chapter/day | Tell one person you follow Jesus | | 2 | Add 5 minutes of thanksgiving | John 8-14 | Join one small-group meeting | | 3 | Keep a prayer journal | John 15-21 | Offer to serve one Sunday | | 4 | Pray for three unsaved friends by name | Romans 1-8 | Invite one friend to service or group |

Next Steps

- Request baptism and complete the brief baptism preparation lesson in the Academy.
- Finish all 18 Foundations lessons in the Prayer Dome Academy and earn your first certificate.
- Share your decision at testimony@prayerdome.net — we would love to celebrate, pray for you and connect you to a group near you.

God has begun a good work in you and He will complete it. Welcome home.

“He hath done all things well.” — Mark 7:37