

Is it appropriate for a faithful Christian to ask the Lord to lay the soul of a deceased person in a good place in Heaven?

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Answer: No, it is not appropriate because once a person has died, their eternal destiny is fixed. Scripture teaches that humans die once, and after that comes judgment (Hebrews 9:27, ESV):

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.”

As Christians, we are instructed to pray for one another during our earthly lives

(James 5:16, ESV)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

*However, there is no biblical command to pray for the dead, nor any indication that prayers can alter the eternal state of those who have passed away.*

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The burial and understanding of death differ between believers and unbelievers. Non-believers, lacking knowledge of the hope found in Christ, often speak without understanding about what happens after death. But as believers, we know that if a brother or sister dies in the Lord, we have the blessed hope of resurrection because death is like sleep for those who are in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, ESV):

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

On the other hand, those who die without faith in Christ remain under God’s judgment (John 3:18, ESV)

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

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Jesus commanded His followers to preach the gospel and make disciples (Ma

16:15-16, ESV):

*“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*

There is no command to pray for the dead to be saved or to ask God to place their souls in a good place after death.

Therefore, the call of salvation is urgent and for the living: now is the time to believe and be saved. After this life comes final judgment, not opportunity for change.

Conclusion: It is not biblically correct for Christians to pray that the Lord lay the soul of a deceased person in a good place in Heaven. Our hope is in Christ alone, and salvation must be received during this life.

God bless you.

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