

"God Save the Queen" has been the anthem of Britain for the last 70 years; the phrase used as an expression of patriotism and royal support. But what did the Queen need saving from? Did she need saving from republicanism, from the decline of the Commonwealth, from foreign invasion, or the collapse of her own family? In her own words, Queen Elizabeth II explained she needed saving from something far more insidious and universal than outside enemies. "Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves—from our recklessness or our greed," Queen Elizabeth said during her Christmas message in 2011. This remarkable woman, who has since her passing been described as dutiful, faithful, servanthearted, forgiving and stable, recognised that she still needed saving from her own sin.

We see our own and others' sins everyday - in snarky comments and cold shoulders, in fights over parking spots and the need to lock our doors, in our addictions and our distractions, when we hear another story of abuse, murder and corruption. Yet, perhaps because we see it so often and in so many places, we seem oblivious to how ugly and painful sin really is. How much we really need

to be saved from sin's dirty destructive grip. But we do. And so, as Queen Elizabeth II continues in her Christmas message, "God sent into the world a unique Person—neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Savior, with the power to forgive. ..."

God saved the Queen from her sin because of her faith in Jesus Christ to forgive her. As Jesus himself said, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16:16

Our sins bring us condemnation but Jesus brings forgiveness and salvation to all who trust him. Though the end of Queen Elizabeth's long reign may be a somber occasion, God truly has saved the Queen. With faith in Jesus he can save you too.

PRAYER:

Dear God, Please save me from my sin. Please forgive me for my sin. I believe in Jesus to bring me forgiveness and salvation. Amen.

