Romans 1:18-25 What's wrong with the world?

‘What is happening to your young people? They disobey their parents, they ignore the law, they riot in the streets, they are enflamed with wild passions!’

Attributed to Plato

Romans 1:18

‘For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.’

God is angry and broken-hearted over a world that is broken because of sin

Romans 1:19-20

‘For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.’

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Romans 1:21-23

‘For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:24

‘Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves’

Romans 1:25-27:

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; [27] and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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Romans 1:28-31:

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Romans 3:22-23

For there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God…

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you love me and that you came into this broken world to rescue me.

I acknowledge that I have sinned and have tried to live life my own way. I am sorry.

I turn away from all that separates me from you and I turn towards you.

Thank you for dying for me on the cross.

Thank you for taking my sin and for rising again to give me new life.

Please forgive me, make me clean, and become the Lord and centre of my life.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to follow you from this day forward.

I receive your grace, your forgiveness and your new life.

Amen.