

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, even when we know we have done wrong, we find ourselves searching for words to say to God in our time of confession. Maybe one of these prayers will convey what you are trying to say to God, but find difficulty articulating with your own words.

Most merciful God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Gracious God, you have loved me with an everlasting love, but I have gone my own way, and rejected your will for my life. I am sorry for my sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for me, forgive me, cleanse me, and change me. By your Holy Spirit, enable me to live for you, and to please you in every way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, I praise you for adopting me as your child and making me an heir of eternal life. In your mercy you have washed me from my sin and made me clean in your sight. Yet I still fail to love you as I should and serve you as I ought. Forgive me for my sins and renew me by your grace, that I may continue to grow as a member of Christ, in whom alone is my salvation. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 8:1)

“Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” (Titus 2:13-14; 2 Cor. 9:15)