

A public confession of sin and shorter prayer prior to the preaching of the Word



Heavenly Father, eternal and merciful God, we confess before Your Godly majesty that we are poor, wretched sinners; received and born in sin and depravity, prone to all iniquity and unable of any good; we continually transgress Your holy commandments with our sinful life and thereby bring Your wrath and through your righteous judgement eternal punishment upon ourselves.

O Lord, we are filled with remorse and sorrow that we have stirred Your anger. We accuse and convict ourselves for our trespasses. Look upon us with mercy and reach out to us in our misery. O most faithful and loving God and Father, show us compassion and forgive all our sins by virtue of the holy suffering of your beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Also grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit. He who works in us heartfelt confession of our unrighteousness and the right scorn for ourselves.

Do so that the sin inside us may be put to death and we may rise to a new life – a life where we bear the true fruit of holiness and righteousness that is pleasing to You in Jesus Christ.

Grant that we may understand your holy Word according to your Godly will that we may learn to put all our trust in You alone and not in any other creature. Let us put off the old nature with all its desires every day all the more that we may offer ourselves as living sacrifice to the glory of Your holy Name and to the benefit of our neighbour.

Bring in Your grace all who have strayed from Your truth to repentance that united we may all serve You and live holy and righteous all the days of our life.

We ask for this through our Lord Jesus Christ who taught and commanded us to pray as follows:

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.