

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, gentle Lord, on this holy night we pray that your power and peace would cast out our sin, that there may be room for you to be born in our hearts. We confess we have crowded you out of our lives with false priorities and self-serving goals. We have been selfish and called it "prudence." We have been arrogant and called it "self-esteem." We have been cruel and called it "necessary." Forgive us, Lord.

We have deceived people and pretended it was "for their own good." We have hurt good people and claimed it was "nothing personal." We have hidden our sins behind clichés and habits for so long we are hardly aware of right and wrong. Forgive us, Lord.

Send your Spirit to awaken our consciences and purify our minds, that this Christmas we may welcome you aright. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Iantha Frazer - For Linda Hemingway Berndt and for Raymond Frazer



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