

OneWith Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess to you the truth. At times, we have openly rebelled against you. We have chosen the actions or inactions we knew to be against your best will. At other times we have forgotten that our own strength is insufficient. Even our best efforts and righteous intentions have fallen short of the mark of holy perfection. We need your grace.

Lord, forgive us for the words we have spoken out of petty anger or unchecked fear. Forgive us also for the silence we chose in the very moment when we should have spoken up.

Forgive us our failure to practice the means of grace, just as we failed to be a means of grace for one another. Remind us that to love you means to love one another as you taught us to.

Forgive us for our part in inciting division or demanding peace without first practicing compassion. We have received one another and therefore you with hearts of war. Heal us and give us hearts of peace.

Forgive us for the times we have valued our preference over your purpose for the Church, when we chose comfort over commission. Convict us of our pride. For because of it, we have neglected those you called us to reach.

Forgive our lack of urgency for the lost, our apathy towards the least, and our indifference to the last. Help us instead to cross barriers, restore dignity, heal, feed, and extend a loving hand. Help us seek unity not as we define it, but as Christ modeled it. Give us courage to proclaim Jesus as the one in whom we hope.

And for the sins of which we are not yet aware, bring an awakening to our heart and mind, that with greater humility we might together be fully Yours. O Lord make us one as you are One. This we pray in the name of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.