

PRAYER
OF
CONFESSION

Loving heavenly Father,

Yours is surpassing greatness,
unspeakable goodness, and
superabundant grace.

Your steadfast love greets us each
morning, and your faithfulness is our
constant companion.

We thank you for personal mercies;
for a measure of health, the comforts
of home, food, and clothing;
for those moments of domestic peace
and harmony;
and for your ongoing protection of
ourselves and those whom we love.

Yet we mourn our sin and profound ingratitude to you.

We have not put our hope in you, and we have not waited patiently for you to act on our behalf.

We have trusted and delighted in your creation rather than in you, and we have looked to our idols to make us glad, complaining bitterly when they have failed us.

We have pressured people with the heavy weight of our needs and expectations, and sinned against them when they disappointed us.
Father, forgive us our many sins.

We do not deny them or excuse them,
but confess that we have broken your
holy law and fallen short of keeping
your commands.

Thank you that when we fly repenting to your outstretched arms, you will not cast us off, for Jesus brings us near.

You will not condemn us, for he died in our place. You will not point out our mountains of sin, for Jesus has leveled them, and his beauty covers all our deformities.

Thank You for your wonderful Son,
whose unshakeable hope in you in
the midst of life's worst circumstances
has not become our own.

Holy Spirit, help us to turn away from our sin and cling to the cross. May we hide in the wounds of Jesus and find shelter in his side. Cause us to place all our hopes in the powerful blood of our Savior and his perfect righteousness in our place.

When life is painful and difficult, and
or souls give way to fear and
temptation, root us safely once again
on our firm foundation, our only hope
in life and in death. Let us know
afresh the joy of our salvation:

Christ has been faithful for us, and so you will always be faithful to us, for you cannot abandon the Son of God, to whom we are inseparably joined.

Amen.