

Merciful Savior,

As your people we confess that we have often minimized the gravity of our sin and have often taken your grace for granted.

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

Wake us up, O God, to clearly see the destructive force and share your holy hatred of our sin. Help us, O Lord, to turn from everything that separates us from you, to receive your forgiveness and to experience the unfathomable depth of your love and mercy.

Turn our hearts to you, O Gracious Lord.

**For the times we have failed to love
others, as you have loved us;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For the times we failed to give you
shelter when you were homeless or
provide clothing for you when you were
cold and naked;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For the times we failed to befriend you
when you were friendless or visit you
when you were alone in prison;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For the many ways we have conformed
to the ideals of our culture instead of to
your perfect will;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

For allowing our lives to become cluttered with things that don't eternally matter and for putting our trust in possessions, savings and retirement plans rather than in you,

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For entertaining thoughts of others and
engaging in actions toward others that
did not express the truth that you
thought them worth dying for;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For failing to seek first the Kingdom and
trust Abba Father for all our needs;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For the many moments we blocked you
from our awareness, failing to remember
that in you “we move and live and have
our being,”**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For cheapening the gift of our sexuality
by expressing it outside the marriage
covenant; for times we have taken what
was not ours and for being dishonest
with our words;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For failing to forgive as you forgive us,
for harboring grudges and for thinking
and speaking unkind words to and
about others;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

**For allowing ourselves to be degraded
by and enslaved to chemical and sexual
addictions and for failing to walk in the
freedom for which you sacrificed;**

*We confess our sin and ask for your mercy,
O Lord.*

As your people, we confess that each and every one of our sins have pierced your heart anew and would eternally separate us from you, the source of all life and joy, were it not for your loving mercy.

*For your love and mercy, we give thanks,
O Lord.*

**Merciful Savior,
As your people, we confess that we
have willfully rejected your rightful
authority, scorned your loving kindness,
and inflicted great pain on your heart.**

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

As your people, we confess that our rebellion placed us under the destructive stronghold of Satan and that, were it not for your incomprehensible love and grace, we would be there still.

You alone are our hope, O God.

**We acknowledge that the cross you
carried bore the weight of our sin**

*...and the stripes that you bore were for our
transgressions;*

**We acknowledge that the beating you
suffered was the abuse our sin inflicts
upon you**

*...and the blood that you shed was the
price of our freedom*

We acknowledge that the shame you bore was the shame we deserved

... and the death you experienced was the wages of our sin.

For our sake, Oh Lord, you were a man despised and rejected by others, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain

For our sake, O Lord, you became one from whom people hide their faces. You were despised, and we held you in low esteem.

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**Surely you took up our pain and bore
our suffering,**

*yet we considered you punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.*

**You were pierced for our
transgressions, you were crushed for
our iniquities.**

*The punishment that brought us peace was
on you and by your wounds we are healed.*

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;**

*But the Father has laid on you, the iniquity
of us all.*

**You were oppressed and afflicted, yet
you did not open your mouth;**

*You were led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and just as a sheep before its shearers is
silent, you did not open your mouth.*

**Forgive us Lord, for the pain we have
caused you.**

*Have mercy on us and turn our hearts
toward you.*

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

We thank you Lord for loving us to the point of death in the midst of our sin.

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world

I John 2:2

We thank you Lord for not excluding anyone from your loving sacrifice.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

We thank you Lord for taking on our sin that we might take on your righteous.

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

John 10:17-18

We thank you Lord for freely choosing to give your life that we might live.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews. 12:2

We thank you Lord for loving us so much you'd consider it joy to die a shameful, torturous death on our behalf.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

We thank you Lord for making us alive when we were dead, for destroying every just accusation Satan had on us, and for triumphing over the powers and authorities through your loving sacrifice on the cross.

...just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more...

Rom. 5:18-20

We thank you Lord, that your grace is far greater than our most grievous sin. We confess that through your death, and through your death alone, we are forgiven, set free and made whole.

**And they sang a new song, saying:
“You are worthy to take the scroll and to
open its seals, because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for
God members of every tribe and
language and people and nation.
Revelations 5:9**

*As your people, freed from your enemy and
purchased for God by the blood that you
shed, we proclaim you are worthy O Lord.*

**Because of your unconditional love,
unfathomable mercy and never ending
grace**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

**Because your love has defeated all evil
and removed our transgression**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

**Because you have cast off our sins as
far as the east is from the west**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

**Because you are the source of all life,
joy, peace and power**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

**Because you are the beauty in all that is
beautiful and the goodness in all that is
good**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

**Because you are King of all Kings and
Lord of all Lords**

We proclaim that you are worthy.

Because you are God, who for our sakes became a man, the Righteous One, who for our sakes became sin, the Blessed One, who for our sakes became a curse, the Living One, who for our sakes endured death and the Exalted One, who for our sakes experienced shame,

We proclaim that you are worthy.