individual confessions

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Lector:

• Am I building up my relationship with God? Do I pray regularly? Do I turn to God with trust? Do I seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit before making decisions, or do I have a need to control everything? Do I practice my faith with consistency, or do I cave in when faithfulness is inconvenient? Have I given support to this faith community, or have I looked for excuses to withhold my gifts? Do I take the time to reflect on the Church’s teachings?

• Have I honored my mother and father and sister and brother? Am I thankful for family and friends? Do I rejoice in the success of other people or do I envy their accomplishments? Do I tend to judge and criticize harshly? Do I try and hear what God might be saying through other people? Am I willing to help my neighbor in need? Am I humble enough to ask for help when I need it or do I move forward stubbornly and less effectively? Do I tell the truth or bend the facts? Do I respect and honor the possessions of others? Do I gossip and spread rumors about others?

• Do I refuse to let go of past hurts and hold on to grudges? Toward whom must I become more forgiving? Do I trust in God’s mercy enough to forgive myself of past indiscretions? From what do I now need to be set free? Anger? Arrogance? Ingratitude? Greed? Cynicism? Selfishness? Do I respond to the needs of the sick and poor, especially those trapped in unjust conditions?

• Do I take care of the health of my body as well as my soul? Do I abuse the use of alcohol? Food? Narcotics? Am I drawn into the ways of the world, especially regarding sexuality? Do I use other people for physical pleasure? Do I reflect on the television programs and movies that I watch? Do I use pornography?

• Do I simply and honestly attempt and allow the values of Jesus to influence what I think, say and do?

Presider: Sisters and brothers, God calls us to repentance. Let us stand together and voice our prayer of contrition.

Penitent’s Prayer

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sister, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Presider: Gathered to confess our sins and receive the Lord’s forgiveness, we now pray the prayer to God our Father in the words Christ gave us.

All: Our Father...

Concluding Prayer

Presider: All-loving God, you have shown us the way to forgiveness in the example of your Son Jesus Christ. Through the merits of his passion and death on the cross, grant us pardon of our sinfulness. Make us living signs of your love and forgiveness for the whole race to see. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Directions

Please stand quietly while awaiting confession in the Worship Hall, respecting those who may choose to meditate before or after their confessions. After your confession, you are free to leave or to meditate in the Worship Hall.

Blessing

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Presider: We stand forgiven. Go in peace!

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

All: Amen.