

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, all our soul, and all our might; we also have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, even though you command us to do so. Father, our old-nature still clings closely to us and sinful pride and self-centeredness erupts too easily in us at times, and we come asking for forgiveness through the blood of your Son. Father, we are sorrowful and ask that you empower us to turn away from all of our sin. Father; for the sake of your Son, our Mediator Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. We ask that the Holy Spirit strengthen us that we might delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. We ask all this through your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### **(Silent Prayer Confessing Particular Sins)**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF GOD IN CHRIST**

We believe that God— who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent the Son, Jesus Christ, to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.