

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, though Jesus commands us to love this way. The old man still clings closely to us and the sins of pride and self-centeredness raise their ugliness in us at times, and we come asking for forgiveness through the blood of your Son. Father, we are truly sorry and we ask that you empower us to humbly repent. 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

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he arose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

“catholic” means “universal”