



# OPTIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE PENITENT



*The Priest invites the penitent to express contrition. The penitent may choose one of the following options or simply express contrition and the resolve to lead a new life in his/her own words.*

**1**

O my God,  
I am sorry and repent with all my heart  
for all the wrong I have done  
and for the good I have failed to do,  
because by sinning I have offended you,  
who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things.  
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid the occasions of sin.  
Through the merits of the Passion  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Lord, have mercy.

**2**

Remember, Lord, the compassion and mercy  
you showed long ago.  
Do not recall my sins and failings.  
In your mercy remember me, Lord,  
because of your goodness. *(Ps 25 [24]:6-7)*

**3**

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
I acknowledge my offense; my sin is before me always. *(Ps 51 [50]:4-5)*

**4**

Father, I have sinned against you  
and I am not worthy to be called your son.  
Be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Lk 15:18; 18:13)*

**5**

O God, most merciful Father,  
like the Prodigal Son, I turn to you and say:  
I have sinned against you;  
I am no longer worthy to be called your child.  
O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world,  
like the thief to whom you opened the gates of paradise,  
I beg you:  
Lord, remember me in your Kingdom.  
O Holy Spirit, fount of love,  
with trust I call upon you:  
Purify me;  
make me walk as a child of the light.

6

Lord Jesus,  
who opened the eyes of the blind, healed the sick,  
forgave the sinful woman,  
and, after his denial, confirmed Peter in your love,  
hear my plea:  
forgive all my sins,  
renew me in your love,  
and grant that I may live in perfect communion  
with my brothers and sisters  
and so proclaim your salvation to all.

7

Lord Jesus,  
who chose to be called the friend of sinners,  
through the mystery of your Death and Resurrection,  
free me from my sins.  
May your peace grow strong in me,  
that I may bear the fruits of charity, justice, and truth.

8

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,  
who take away the sin of the world,  
through the grace of the Holy Spirit  
be pleased to reconcile me with your Father;  
cleans me in your Blood from every fault  
and make me fully alive to the praise of your glory.

9

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your merciful love;  
turn your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt;  
create a pure heart in me, O God,  
renew an upright spirit deep within me.

10

Lord Jesus, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.

11

O my God,  
I am heartily sorry for having offended you,  
and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments,  
but most of all because they offend you, my God,  
who are all good and deserving of all my love.  
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,  
to sin no more  
and to avoid the near occasions of sin.  
Amen.