

THE RITES OF HEALING
RECONCILIATION OF PENITENTS

The Penitent begins

Bless me, for I have sinned.

The Priest says

The Lord be in thy heart and upon thy lips, that thou mayest truly and humbly confess all thy sins: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Penitent

I confess to Almighty God, to his Church, and to thee, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed, in things done and left undone; especially _____. For these and all other sins which I cannot now remember, I am truly sorry. I pray God to have mercy on me. I firmly purpose amendment of life, and I humbly beg forgiveness of God and his Church, and ask thee for counsel, direction, and absolution.

Here the Priest may offer counsel, direction, and comfort.

The Priest then declares

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to his Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in him, of his great mercy forgive thee thine offences: And by his authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy sins, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

or

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon thee, pardon and deliver thee from all thy sins, confirm and strengthen thee in all goodness, and bring thee to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord hath put away all thy sins.

Penitent **Thanks be to God.**

The following prayer may also be said

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more: Restore and renew in thy servant whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this member in the unity of the Church; hear *his* prayers and assuage *his* pain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest concludes

Go (*or* abide) in peace, and pray for me, a sinner.