

Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, **teaching and admonishing one another** in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs... Colossians 3:16

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Psalm 51:1-4

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then
I will teach transgressors your ways, and
sinners will return to you. Psalm 51:12-13

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:1-2

Happy is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Joyful is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:1-2

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Isaiah 43:25

When I did not confess my sins, I was worn out from crying all day long. Day and night you punished me, Lord; my strength was completely drained, as moisture is dried up by the summer heat. [Selah] Psalm 32:3-4 GNT

When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became day long groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. [Selah] Psalm 32:3-4 Message

[SELAH] : STOP, LOOK, THINK

You must put to death, then, the earthly desires at work in you, such as sexual immorality, indecency, lust, evil passions, and greed. Because of such things God's anger will come upon those who do not obey him... But now you must get rid of all these things: anger, passion, and hateful feelings. No insults or obscene talk must ever come from your lips. Do not lie to one another, for you have put off the old self with its habits and have put on the new self. Colossians 3:5-10 GNT

Are there any unconfessed sins in your life that are making you feel really lousy today?

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Selah] Psalm 32:5

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayers to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. [Selah] Psalm 32:6-7

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; *I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!