Confessions

B33

All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.

B34

All Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from your ways   
 like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires   
 of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things   
 that we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things   
 that we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind   
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,  
to the glory of your holy name.    
Amen.

B35

All Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people,  
we acknowledge and lament our many sins   
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,  
by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.  
We have provoked your righteous anger  
and your indignation against us.  
We earnestly repent,  
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;  
the memory of them weighs us down,  
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that from this time forward  
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

B36

All Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people,  
we acknowledge and confess  
 the grievous sins and wickedness  
which we have so often committed   
by thought, word and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your anger  
 and indignation against us.  
We earnestly repent,  
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;  
the memory of them weighs us down,  
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that from this time onwards  
we may always serve and please you  
 in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

B37

All Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,   
love mercy,   
and walk humbly with you, our God.   
Amen.

B38

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,   
we have sinned against you   
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry   
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,   
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

B39

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

B40

God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said  
 and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen

B41

All O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.  
cf Isaiah 6

B42

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God’s creation.

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

B43

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

cf Hosea 6

B44

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour  
was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks  
to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned:

All forgive and heal us.

B45

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.  
We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:  
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:  
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:  
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:  
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

B46

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

B47

All God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You give your faithful people new life in the water  
 of baptism.  
You do not turn your face from us,  
nor cast us aside.  
We confess that we have sinned   
against you and our neighbour.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.   
Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to heavenly joy,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

B48

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

cf Psalm 51

B49

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

All save us and help us.

B50

All Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

B51

All My God, for love of you  
I desire to hate and forsake all sins  
by which I have ever displeased you;  
and I resolve by the help of your grace  
to commit them no more;  
and to avoid all opportunities of sin.  
Help me to do this,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.   
Amen.

B52

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

All Father,  
we have sinned against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us,  
bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord.  Amen.

cf Luke 15

B53

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people:  
come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;  
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others  
and have not gone to their aid;  
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty  
and failed to strive for justice;  
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ,  
but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart,  
nor our neighbours as ourselves;  
Lord, be merciful:

All forgive us our sin.

B54

Man born of woman has but a short time to live.  
We have our fill of sorrow.  
We blossom like a flower and wither away.  
We slip away like a shadow and do not stay.

All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

In the midst of life we are in death;  
where can we turn for help?  
Only to you, Lord,  
who are justly angered by our sins.

All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

Shut not your ears to our prayers,  
but spare us, O Lord.

All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

You know the secrets of our hearts;  
forgive us our sins.

All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.

Eternal and merciful judge,  
both in life and when we come to die,  
let us not fall away from you.

All Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy and merciful Saviour,  
do not abandon us to the bitterness of eternal death.