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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from [Psalm 51](#) by Rev. Tanner Fox.

V1 - Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

V2 - Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,
And cleanse us from our sin!

For we were born into sin, and desperately need the blood of Jesus to save, redeem, and renew us,
from the inside out.

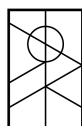
You and you alone judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart, and you alone know the ways in
which our thoughts, attitudes and actions have opposed your law of love.

For our thoughts of distaste, disgust, and condescension,
Lord, forgive us.

For our attitudes of pride, arrogance, and self-righteousness
Lord, forgive us.

For our actions of crude joking, gossip, and avoidance
Lord, forgive us.

V9 - Hide your face from all our sins, but O Lord, do not cast us away.



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Remind us this evening of the forgiving nature of Christ, and the forgiving power of the cross, which has put to death, sin and death, giving the gift of salvation, and newness of life!

O Lord teach us to walk in the ways of Jesus through the power of the resurrection. Give us, tonight, along with all the saints, the grace and courage to love you with all our hearts, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Teach us to love, when we cannot affirm.

Teach us to engage, when we cannot agree.

Teach us resiliency, when we are told to leave the conversation.

Teach us to share the good news of Christ, even when it will cost us something.

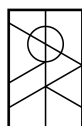
Teach us to look upon sinners with kindness, for it is your kindness, O Lord, that has led us to repentance.

Teach us to despise sin and evil, and hold onto hope for those caught in it's grasp.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise!
We come before you tonight, with humble and contrite hearts, longing for you to move swiftly in our midst that many more would come to know you, as we do, as Savior, Redeemer, and friend.

We love you Lord.

Amen.



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