



*The **Prayer of Confession** is a congregational prayer before receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion in many Christian traditions. It is a time to pause and reflect upon our need for God's grace. Convergence Campers crafted these prayers on themes that touched on the convergence of faith and science. Notice references to the vast universe, elements of the Creation narrative, and more. The most common theme in these prayers is "Living Water." If you are preparing a worship service or devotional on this theme, suggested scriptures include: John 4:1-16, Jeremiah 2:13, and Genesis 1: 1-10.*

God of Living Water, you call us to come drink. So why do we sit and complain that there isn't enough water? You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow, but we do not trust enough that the Spring is there. We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom. You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us. But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant, and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves. For all of the times we turn away from your water, for all the times we sully the water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink, forgive us we pray.

(Silent Prayer)

The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life. Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live an abundant life.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

By Sophie Rounds

We confess to you, Oh Lord, that we have sinned and sinned again. We admit that we have not listened to the fish, spoken with the plants, sung with the birds, and swam in the sea. We ask you to forgive us for all of our sins against your earth and help us to understand more about your creation. And we ask for your fulfilling living waters, that only you can provide.

By Melanie Fleischer (See Job 12:7-9)

God of the Waters, Hear our cry of repentance! With your divine power, allow our sins to flow from us as water flows down the stream. We humbly come before you, asking... begging for that peace. Let our sins flow as far as the West is from the East, and the North is from the South, all the way into the blessed Sea of Forgetfulness. AMEN.

By Nathan Nambiar

Dear Heavenly Father,

We confess that sometimes we forget to appreciate your boundless love. Sometimes we get so caught up in our daily lives that we forget to ask for help or appreciate all you do. You are a

constant in this life full of strong currents and hurricanes. Open our hearts and minds to a better understanding and appreciation of all you do.

By Faith Goalder

Dear Lord,

We go forward everyday faced with distractions. Let us in this time be renewed and learn to run to your arms again; to strive to be a part of your narrative, and to look towards you for comfort, instead of the distractions that only give us temporary life. Amen.

By Carly Overmier

Dear Lord, we know that You are everything we need in life, but sometimes we stray away from You. Sometimes we walk towards the flowing rivers of material things. So we ask for your forgiveness when we are led away by the temptations that sent us off track. For these temptations are only temporary fixes for our need of fulfillment. Money, food, and popularity are inadequate and incomparable substitutes and cannot replace You. Your one and only Son showed us that He was the living water we craved. And though we attempt to cease our thirst with water from other rivers; the river flowing with You, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is the only solution to our constant thirst. Please lead us to this river today and help us ignore our temptations, for they will only lead us farther away from you. Amen.

By Breanna Wimbush

Pastor: Join me in prayer.

All: Now we take communion together in confession of our sins, for we were born sinners. But I tell you today, by the bread and cup. You are forgiven of your sins!

By Jacob Lohr

Dear Almighty God,

We acknowledge the wrongdoings we have committed and ask for forgiveness of our sin. We recognize that You are the one true God, master of the universe and our Father. Protection and undying love are given from you, God, and we ask you to return it to our lives and faith. We thank you, Lord, for the presence of Your Spirit as it flows around us and within us. From every bird in the sky, fish in the sea, and powerful beasts roaming the land, the miracles of your creations are evident. We need to protect those creations, Lord, and the world we are blessed with. Thank you, Lord, Almighty, for the grace and beauty that has been dispersed upon this earth and for allowing us to serve you on it. Amen.

By Eve Ingram

Dear God, listen to our words. Hear our cry. We have done, said, and thought things we know we shouldn't have. We know that these have hurt others. We understand the consequences. So we confess these things and thoughts to you so that you may hear what we have done and forgive us. Lord our God please forgive us as you have done for your people over and over again. We thank you for your forgiveness that you have given to us before and forever. Amen.

By Adam Morgan

All: Forgive us, God, for our thirst which clouds our judgement. We can be ignorant and forget about the living water that gives us everlasting life by your side. We confess we were once thirsty but are now filled with the living water you have given us. We confess, and we are thankful, O Lord. Amen.

By Seth Johnson

Lord, we come to you in a time of confession. We confess that we have acted against your word and against your will for us. We no longer wish to carry these burdens and ask you to wash each and every sin away. Purify us with your holy water, let us be cleaned and reborn, so that we may start again without the pressures of evil sin.

By Olivia Redman

Lord,

Today we know that there is suffering in the world.

Let us forgive and confess our sins to the world.

Let us love our neighbors and be thankful for the living water that your son, Jesus, gives us. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

By Ella Adams

God of the indescribable

Please remind us to live through you

And as we praise you

We also lift up our confessions

Our shortcomings and struggles

Our insecurities and doubts

Our lies and pain

We ask you to remind us we are forgiven

And all promised eternity with you through your living water -Amen

By Miranda Lattimer

Lord, every day we sin. If we ask, you are not hesitant to forgive, yet, asking is often something we fail to accomplish. So we come to you now with these shortcomings. We pray that you forgive us for our words, actions, and thoughts that have violated our relationship with you. We also need to pray for those whom our sins harm, for those people we hurt and often don't even realize it. Help us, Lord, to think through our actions and refrain from sinning as we move through the rest of our lives. Even though it's inevitable, we must try to prevent our sins. We can only do that through you, Lord. Amen.

By Dean Tennant