

**Prayer of Confession:**

We know about sin, O God. Some of our sin we can clearly identify. We repent of it. We are truly sorry. We ask You to remove its burden from our shoulders. Some of our sin we continue to cherish. We are not ready to let go. We can but confess that is so. And some of our sin we cannot even confess for we consider it virtue. We pray for light. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (David Steele, PCUSA)

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Lord, grant us your peace, for we have made peace with what does not give peace, and we are afraid. Drive us deep within to face ourselves, so we may see that what we truly need to fear is our capacity to deceive and our willingness to be deceived, our loving of things and using of people, our struggle for power and shrinking of soul, our addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience, our readiness to criticize and reluctance to create, our clamor for privilege and silence at injustice, our seeking for security and forsaking the kingdom. Lord, grant us your peace. Instill in us an awe of you that will make us wise, and a quiet courage as will enable us to make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, peace-making joyful, and ourselves open and present to other people and your kingdom. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen. (Ted Loder, Guerillas of Grace, adapted)