

Communal Rite of Reconciliation Guide For Children



Opening Song:

I gather with the parish community. I join with the priest and all those gathered in singing a hymn.

Opening Prayer:

The priest greets us and invites us all to pray.

We respond: Amen

Celebration of the Word of God:

I listen carefully to the readings from Scripture. Then I listen to the homily. The homily helps me understand God's Word better.

Examination of Conscience:

I join the community in an examination of conscience. The priest or deacon may help us by asking questions. We think about how we have or have not been good followers of Jesus.

Act of Contrition:

I confess to almighty God...

Individual Confession and Absolution:

I wait for my turn to talk with a priest. Then I confess my sins in private.

The priest listens. He helps me think of ways to show my love for God. Then he gives me a penance.

The priest forgives my sins in God's name with the words of absolution. As the prayer ends, I say, "AMEN!"

Proclamation of Praise for God's Mercy

I return to my place and pray quietly. I praise God for his gift of forgiveness.

Concluding Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Then the individual confessions are over. We sing or say a prayer to give thanks to God.

Concluding Rite:

The priest blesses us. To each blessing, I answer with everyone: Amen

Then the priest or deacon tells us to go in peace. We respond by saying: Thanks be to God.