

**The Reconciliation of a Penitent**  
(commonly called *confession*)

**Penitent**      **Bless me Father, for I have sinned.**

**Priest**      The Lord be in your heart and on your lips,  
that you may rightly  
and truly confess your sins.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Penitent**      **I confess to almighty God,  
to blessed Mary, ever Virgin,  
and all the Saints,  
and to you, my Father,  
that I have sinned in thought,  
and word, and deed,  
through my own fault.**

*Say when you made your last confession. Then tell the priest all the  
sins you can remember since your last confession.*

*Conclude with the following words:*

**For these and all my other sins  
which I cannot now remember,  
I am truly sorry,  
firmly resolve to do better,  
and humbly ask pardon of God,  
and of you, Father,  
advice, penance, and absolution.**

**Priest**      Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has left power to his Church  
to absolve all who truly repent  
and believe in him, of his great mercy  
forgive you your offences;  
I absolve you from all your sins,  
in the name of the +Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Penitent**      **Amen.**

**Priest**      The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the prayers of the blessed Virgin Mary  
and of all the saints,  
whatsoever good you do or evil you endure,  
be to you for the remission of sins,  
the increase of grace,  
and the reward of eternal life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always.

**Penitent**      Amen.

**Priest**      Go in peace; the Lord has put away your sins,  
and pray for me, a sinner too.

