

HOME RECONCILIATION PRAYER: INVITATION

O God, come to our assistance.

Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. AMEN.

INVITATION TO EXAMINE CONSCIENCE.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in
what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous
fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels
and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to
the Lord our God.

SCRIPTURE:

ISAIAH 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know
how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has
opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I
gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put
to shame;

Matthew 27:35-37

When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by
casting lots... above his head was placed the charge against him; it
read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

Participating with the Cross: (Mt26:43) "My Father, if this
cup cannot pass by without me drinking it". **How does** my
example help people carry their crosses? Am I kind to the
people I meet every day, my family, my friends, people I work
with, my neighbors? Do I share my possessions with
strangers? Do I see them as human beings like myself, or do I
judge them by their appearance or some gossip I have heard
about them? Have I visited someone sick, lonely, or in the
hospital, or do I stay away from them? Do I work to save the
lives of the unborn, or better the lives of our elderly? Do I lie?

A Kingdom of service (Mt26:56) "now all this happened to
fulfill the prophecies in scripture". **How do** I serve humbly?
Am I generous in offering my gifts and talents to the service
of God and others, or do I hide them? Do I try to improve
and grow in my abilities? Do I take responsibility for my own
words and actions? Am I trying to control my moods, temper
and bad habits? Do I give in to my addictions? Do I humbly
serve my family, spouse, children, parents?

Praying with hope. (Mt 27:50) "But Jesus crying out, yielded
up his spirit" **Can I** pray even when life appears grim? Do I
take the time to speak and listen to God in prayer? Do I
thank God for calling me to be a member of his people of
praise? Do I attend mass regularly? Do I bring the Word of
God into my everyday life? Am I ready to speak out for my
faith in the challenges of today's society? Does my language
always show respect for God and others?

ACT OF CONTRITION: