

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GO TO RECONCILIATION

CHILD: Hello, Father! My name is: _____

Now make the sign of the Cross and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

These are my sins:

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That's all, Father!

FATHER: For your penance say or do

(Listen for the penance prayer or for the good thing Father might tell you to do.) Now tell God you are sorry using this prayer or another you have learned.

CHILD: O my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you because you are so good, and with your help I will try not to sin again.

FATHER: God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sin. Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you,, pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CHILD: Amen.

FATHER: Go in peace and God bless you!

CHILD: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER BEFORE RECONCILIATION

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for your love and forgiveness.

I want to make a good confession today. Please help me to remember my sins, to be sorry for them, and to try not to sin again.

I want to follow you always. But, like the little lost sheep, sometimes I go astray.

Please, always come to find me, lead me home, and help me to remain in your love.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECONCILIATION

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being with me in a special way today as I confessed my sins.

I am so happy that you have forgiven me for choosing to do wrong or failing to do good. I promise that I will try to do better in the future.

Thank you for speaking to me through the Priest. As I carry out the penance he gave me, remember that I love you and always want to be close to you.

Amen.