

# Confessing and Reconciling – Turning from Sin

O Lord, Most Holy,  
we know that we can never measure up to you.  
We confess that we are not perfect.  
We confess that we have made mistakes.  
We confess that we have many shortcomings,  
that we have failed you and others and ourselves  
time and time again.  
But sin, Lord? The word seems foreign, outdated, old-fashioned.  
Can't we call it something else?  
It was only a white lie. It was for her own good.  
I was in a hurry. It was just this once. He'll never notice.  
Forgive my sin and all my excuses, Lord.  
Forgive my sin,  
and give me the courage to do what is right. Amen.

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