

# Confession and Assurance – Give Us Guidance

Beloved Protector and Teacher,

we need guidance,

and sometimes we remember to ask for it.

But even as we reach for your hand, we rush off in our own direction.

We barely listen to the rules we break.

We like to remind ourselves, wherever we are, that you are with us.

We forget the proper response: that to serve you, we must follow you.

We put conditions on your love,

because we don't want to go to the uncomfortable places

where we see ourselves in the other.

Forgive us.

Hold us close and teach us again to truly live as you love.

*(Pause for silent confession)*

Thus says the Lord God, "I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more."

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