

# Youth Liturgy of Penance

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## Introductory Rite

### Celebrating the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm    Response: Lord, forgive the wrong that I have done.

### Examination of Conscience

Prayer After the Reflection:

All:                    Creator God,  
                              I am sorry for my sins  
                              In choosing to sin, and failing to do good,  
                              I have sinned against You and Your Church  
                              I firmly intend, with the help of Jesus,  
                              to make up for my sins and to love as I should.

### Penitential Intercessions

Lector:            Remake us according to your will...  
All:                    and transform our hearts.  
Lector:            Give us pardon for our sins...  
All:                    and reconciliation with your Church.

### Lord's Prayer

### Individual Confessions and Absolution

*We invite you to go to a priest to receive a blessing even if you are not going to confession.*

### Litany of Praise for God's Mercy (All)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly  
servant

From this day all generations will call me  
blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has cast down the mighty from their  
thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers and  
mothers,  
to Abraham and Sarah and their children for  
ever.

Teen: *(Steps forward)* Ok! Ok! That's enough. I'm not a bad person. I do what everyone else does. I don't do heavy drugs. I go to youth ministry once in a while. And, I do my service hours for Confirmation. How bad can I be?

Good: Anytime you do something that hurts your friendship with God, you commit a sin, big or small. After a while, it all adds up. Before you know it, you're carrying all sorts of garbage around.

Teen: Hey, what can I do to get rid of this stuff? It's getting to my allergies!

Good: First of all, get it in your mind that you can't go around lying to everyone. Start hanging around with friends who are really friends. Don't use people to get what you want. Don't have friends that you only hang with when it suits you. Don't waste the talents that God has given you.

Teen: Ok. I'll do all that stuff. Is that it?

Good: Then, go to reconciliation.

Teen: Yikes! That's scary. I forget the words and the priest always scares me.

Good: Just go and talk to him. If you can't remember the words just tell him what's in your heart, what's keeping you from having a good relationship with God. Be honest with him.

Teen: Okay, I'll give it a shot.

*Teen goes behind the altar and takes off the trash. The good guy can go with him and help so that it goes faster. The bad guy sits on the floor, defeated and bummed-out. Teenager reemerges without any of the trash.*

Narrator: And that's how easy it can be to recycle yourself. Just get rid of the extra garbage. Feel good about yourself again. Life doesn't have to be boring...It can be waves of fun. Surf's up Dude...In the Twilight Zone.

*Play theme music.*

**The End**