

CONFESSION PRAYERS

November 6, 2021

Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

1 John 1:6-9

Memory Verse

9 Wash me with hyssop until I am clean and whiter than snow. 10 Let me be happy and joyful! You crushed my bones, now let them celebrate.

Psalm 51:9-10



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Have you ever hidden from someone or something? Hide-and-go-seek can be fun, but sometimes, we hide because we're afraid. In our prayers, God does not want us to hide from him. He wants us to seek him by *confessing* our sins to him when we pray.

The Bible tells us about King David who loved God, but he sinned. His sin dishonored God and hurt others. To make things worse, David tried to cover it up. But God knows everything, and David could not hide from God. When the prophet Nathan confronted him with his sin, David prayed and told God what he had done. He *confessed* that he had sinned and disobeyed God. He told God that he needed forgiveness.

Romans 3:23 tells us that we all "have sinned and fallen short of God's glory." Our sin separates us from God. But even though we have sinned, there is good news! The next verse in Romans says that "God treats

us much better than we deserve and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins." You see, Jesus took the punishment for our sins. We don't have to hide because *Jesus* paid the price for our sins. Like David, we can be honest with God and confess our sins when we pray, and he will gladly forgive us.

Prayer

Dear God, you are so loving and perfect. I confess that I have turned away from you and sinned. Please forgive me for my sins and help me to seek and follow you. Amen.

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