



Visions and Voices: Resources for Intergenerational Worship June 3 Pentecost 2 Year B Confession Prayer



What this is: Prayer of Confession



Where it's used: In any intergenerational gathering



Time: 2 minutes



Bible focus/theme: 1 Sam 3:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:6 Rest; Confession



What's needed:

- Large 'flip chart' with 5 pages made to look like calendar pages (see below) clipped together at the top.
- Post it notes in various colours
- Markers
- Confession Prayer text on Screen or printed copies

Instructions

During the confession prayer (see liturgy below) display the large flip chart calendar in a prominent place. Make sure the pages can be flipped over the top easily.

Pre-arrange a small team of people to work on filling each page of the flip chart calendar with writing using markers, and post-it notes saying 'busy'.

With each new section of the prayer at the response words 'Your mercies are new every morning', flip over to a clean new page, and begin filling it with post-it notes and writing until the next end of section.

With the final section

**'In your grace
we roll over a fresh page
and begin again to listen for your voice
and to learn your ways of love.**

**As we receive your mercy,
and gift of rest from striving,
may we leave space in our days
for you.'**

...roll over the page, but leave this last page blank. The team of busy helper that have been filling the calendar pages sit down and rest.

Begin inviting the congregation to join on the responses in blue **'Your mercies are new every morning'**

Optional: divide the lines between several readers (A, B, C as suggested)



**turn over a fresh page between
each section of the confession**



**fill the calendar during each new
section of the confession prayer**

Confession Prayer

Lord of the Sabbath

the day of rest

You rolled up your sleeves and loved your work

Then you rolled over and rested

And your Sabbath rest was made for the benefit of humans

Not humans for the benefit of the Sabbath

Your mercies are new every morning

We have rolled up our sleeves

And rolled up to work

and the days have rolled on and on

(A)Forgive us for over-working our bodies

(B)Forgive us for over-working the bodies of others

(C)Forgive us for over-working the earth

Your mercies are new every morning

Young Samuel lived in the Temple day and night

(A)Forgive us for rushing in and out of worship

as if it's just another diary item

(B)Forgive us for missing your presence with us in the every day

(C)Forgive us for missing your voice when it comes to those who are small

Your mercies are new every morning

(A) Forgive us for filling our days with grudges and jealousies

(B) grasping for power and judging unjustly

(C) grumbling in our abundance and guarding our privilege.

Forgive us, Lord.

In your grace

we roll over a fresh page

and begin again to listen for your voice

and to learn your ways of love.

As we receive your mercy,

and gift of rest from striving,

may we leave space in our days

for you.

(Pause)

Amen