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Holy and merciful God, in Your presence I confess my sinfulness, my shortcomings, and all my offenses against You. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting, Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for all I have done. By the blood of Jesus Christ, Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses, and we ask for forgiveness. Your word is so clear, and Your grace is so sufficient. But we close our ears to Your call, and with our perverse pride we foul the gifts You have given us. Like Paul, we know what You require of us; yet, like Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do, and the evil we do not want to do we keep on doing. How long, Lord, will we continue to ignore Your will? Yet You provide streams of living mercy; You invite us again and again to live renewed lives. So we turn again to the cross, the empty cross, to the stone rolled away, to the indwelling Christ and the empowering Holy Spirit. We receive Your cleansing; we receive Your death on our behalf; we receive the life of Christ anew. Come, Lord Jesus, and live Your life in us. Amen.

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