

Ash Wednesday Confessional Prayers

Lord, we confess the times...

When we are convinced of being right,
and when we are afraid to be right.
When we keep to minding our own business,
and neglect what you have asked of us.
When we refuse to ask for help,
and when we refuse to even try.
When we love ourselves too much,
and when we do not love ourselves enough.
When we give in to our temptations,
and when we claim not to have any.
When we try to run away from you,
and when we try to run away from ourselves.
When we fail to forgive each other,
and when we fail to forgive ourselves.
Forgive us for all this and more. Amen.

O God, we confess,
our attachment to earthly treasures,
our hypocrisy and hidden idols,
our temptation to forsake you,
to take the "easy" way out.
At this time, we ask,
not only for your grace and mercy,
but also for your strength to let go
of all that keep us from you.
Forgive us and draw us closer to you.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Michelle Jantzi (Canada), 2003.

[Creative Commons: Attribution Non-Commercial 4.0 International \(CC BY-4.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)