



# Our God is Rich in Mercy

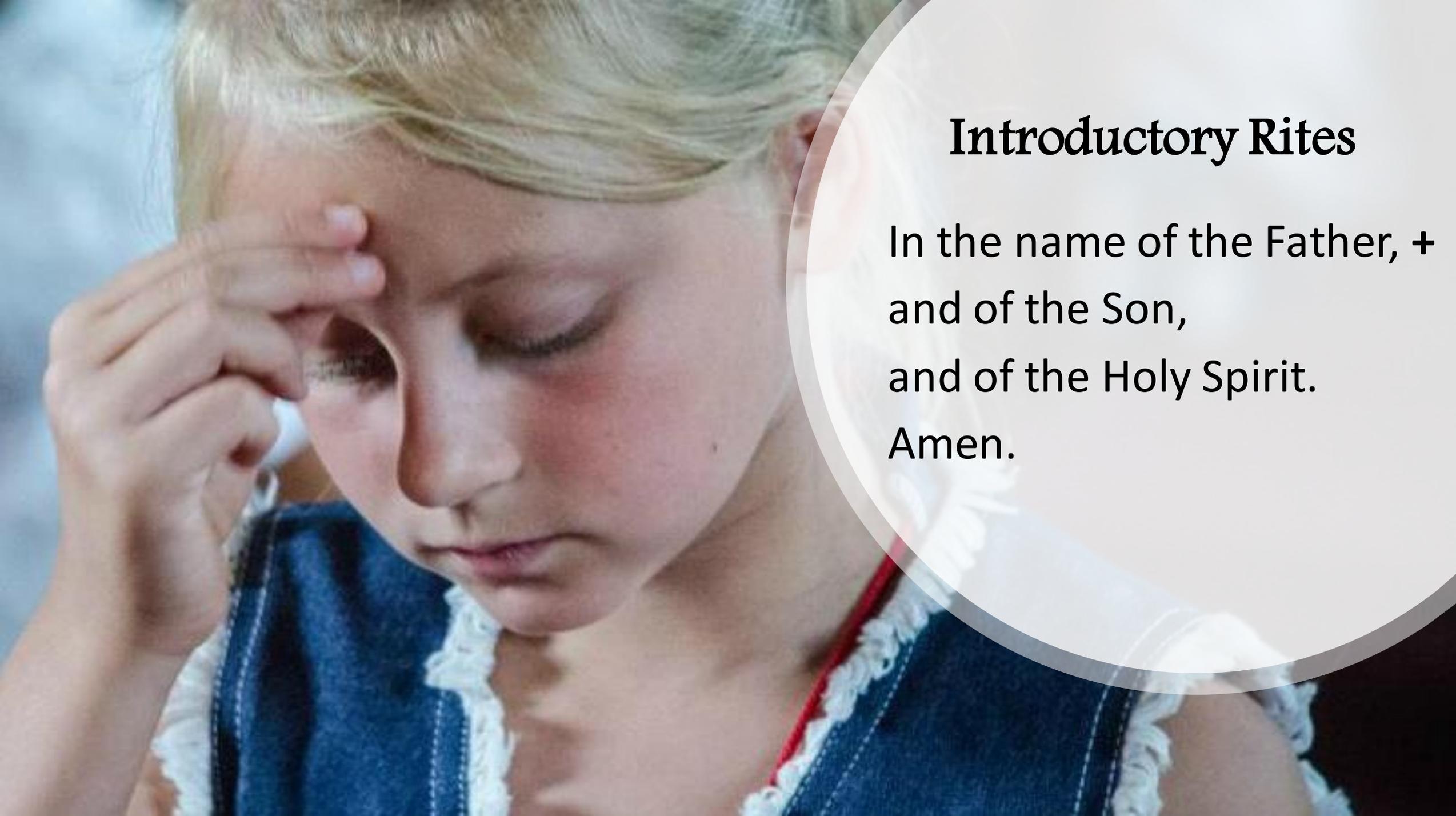
**A PENANCE SERVICE FOR ADVENT 2020**

# Welcome & Introduction



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## **Introductory Rites**

**In the name of the Father, +  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

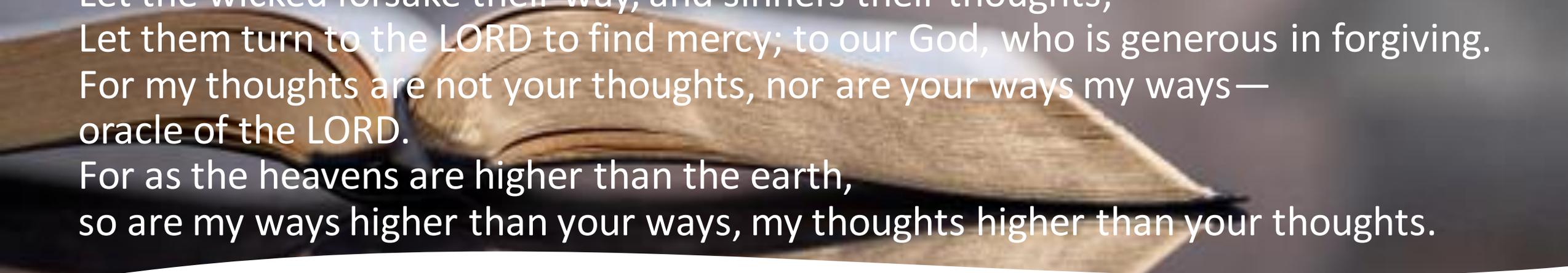
Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
you do not wish the sinner to die  
but to be converted and live.

Come to the aid of your people  
that they may turn from their sins  
and live for you alone.

May we be attentive to your Word,  
confess our sins, receive your forgiveness  
and always be grateful for your loving kindness.  
Help us to live the truth in love  
and grow into the fullness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.  
Amen.



## Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-11



Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts;  
Let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways —  
oracle of the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;  
It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.

# Reflection of the Scripture Reading



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**Rev. Monsignor Francis Cilia**

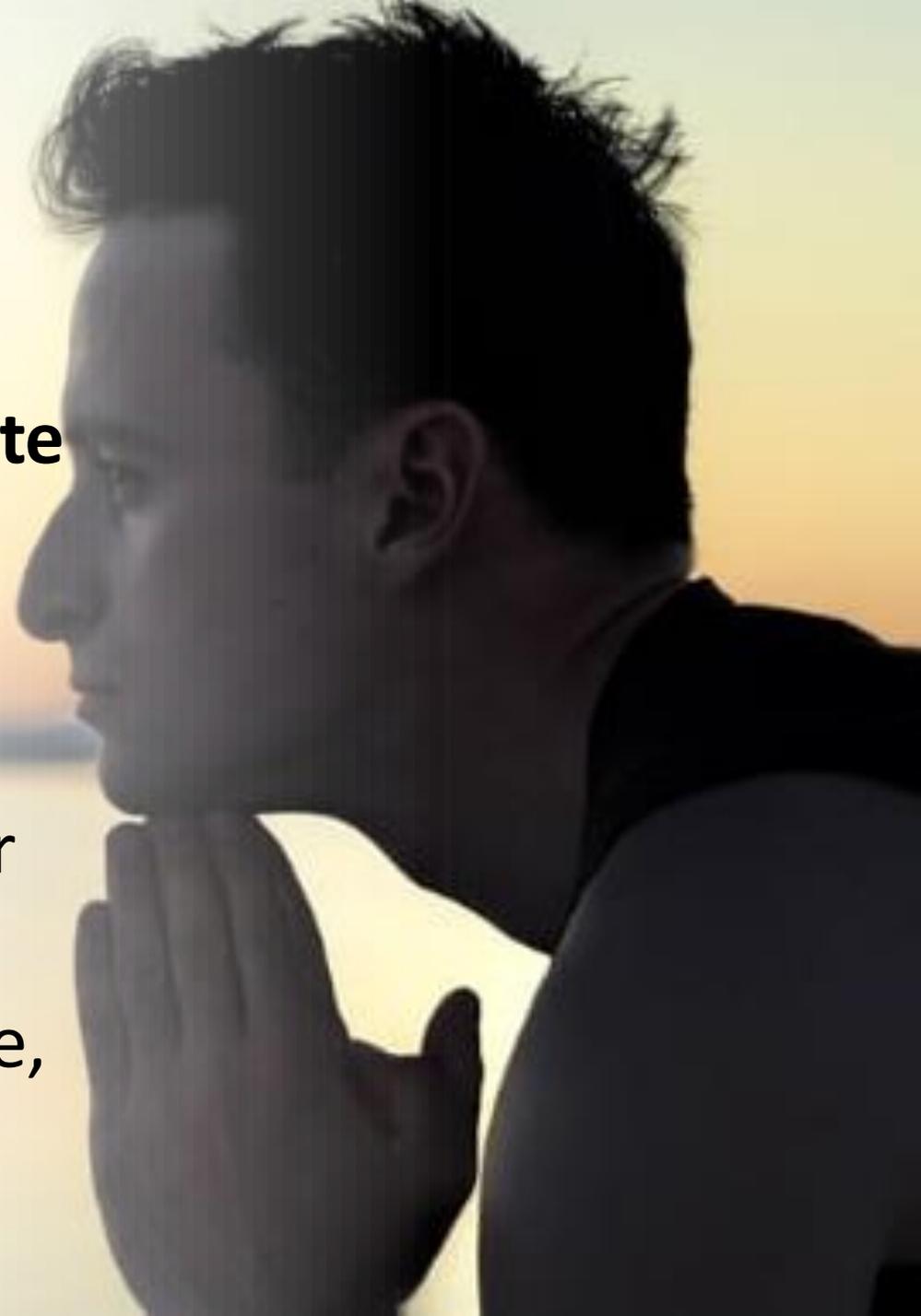
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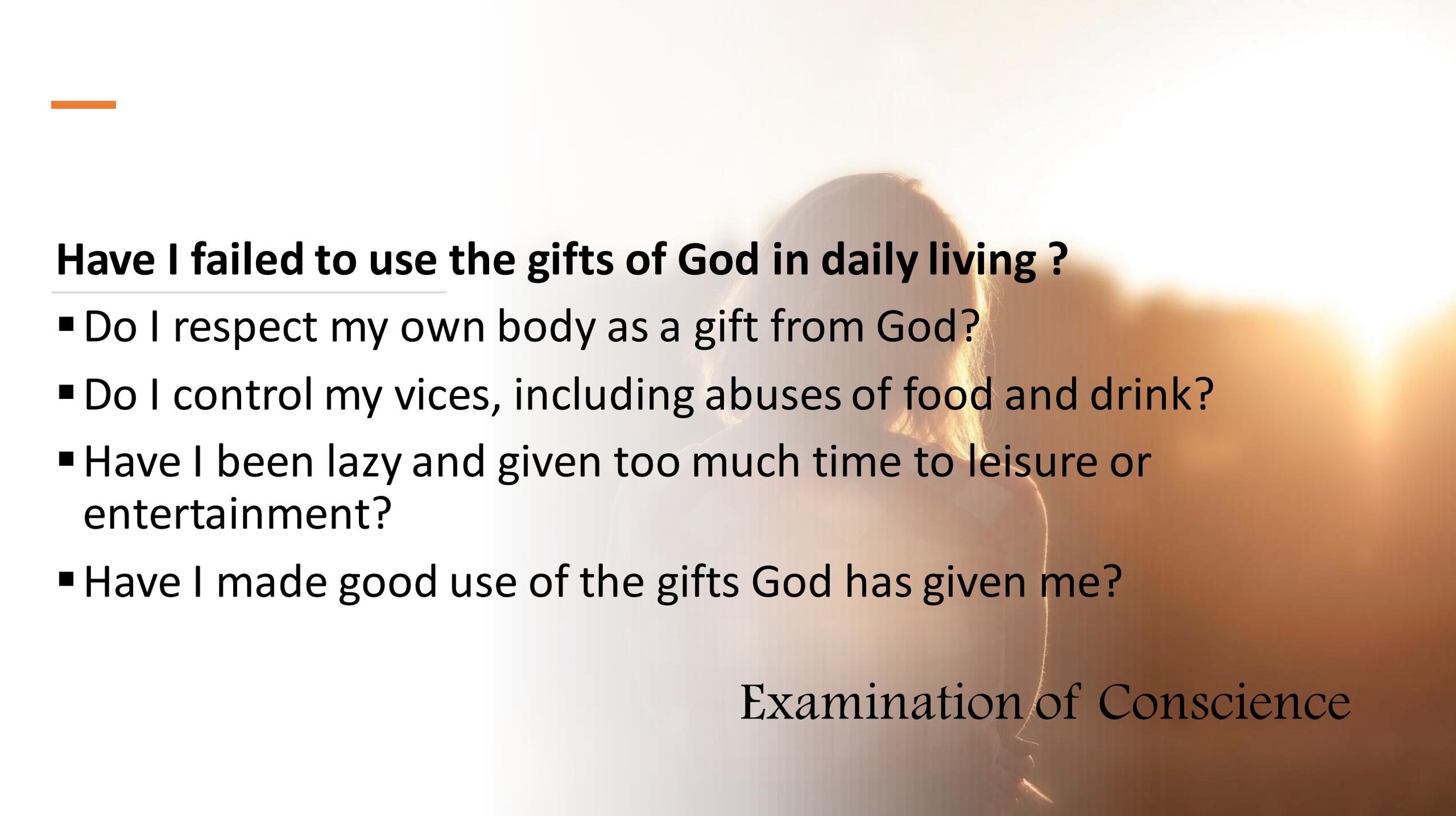
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## Examination of Conscience

### **How have I failed to worship God in private and communal prayer?**

- Do I prayer daily?
- Do I keep Sundays and holy days Sacred?
- Do I fulfill my commitments as a member of my faith community?
- Do I trust God's goodness and providence, even in times of crisis and doubt?



A woman is shown in silhouette, looking out towards a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise. The light is warm and golden, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere. The woman's hair is visible, and she appears to be wearing a dark top. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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## **Have I failed to use the gifts of God in daily living ?**

- Do I respect my own body as a gift from God?
- Do I control my vices, including abuses of food and drink?
- Have I been lazy and given too much time to leisure or entertainment?
- Have I made good use of the gifts God has given me?

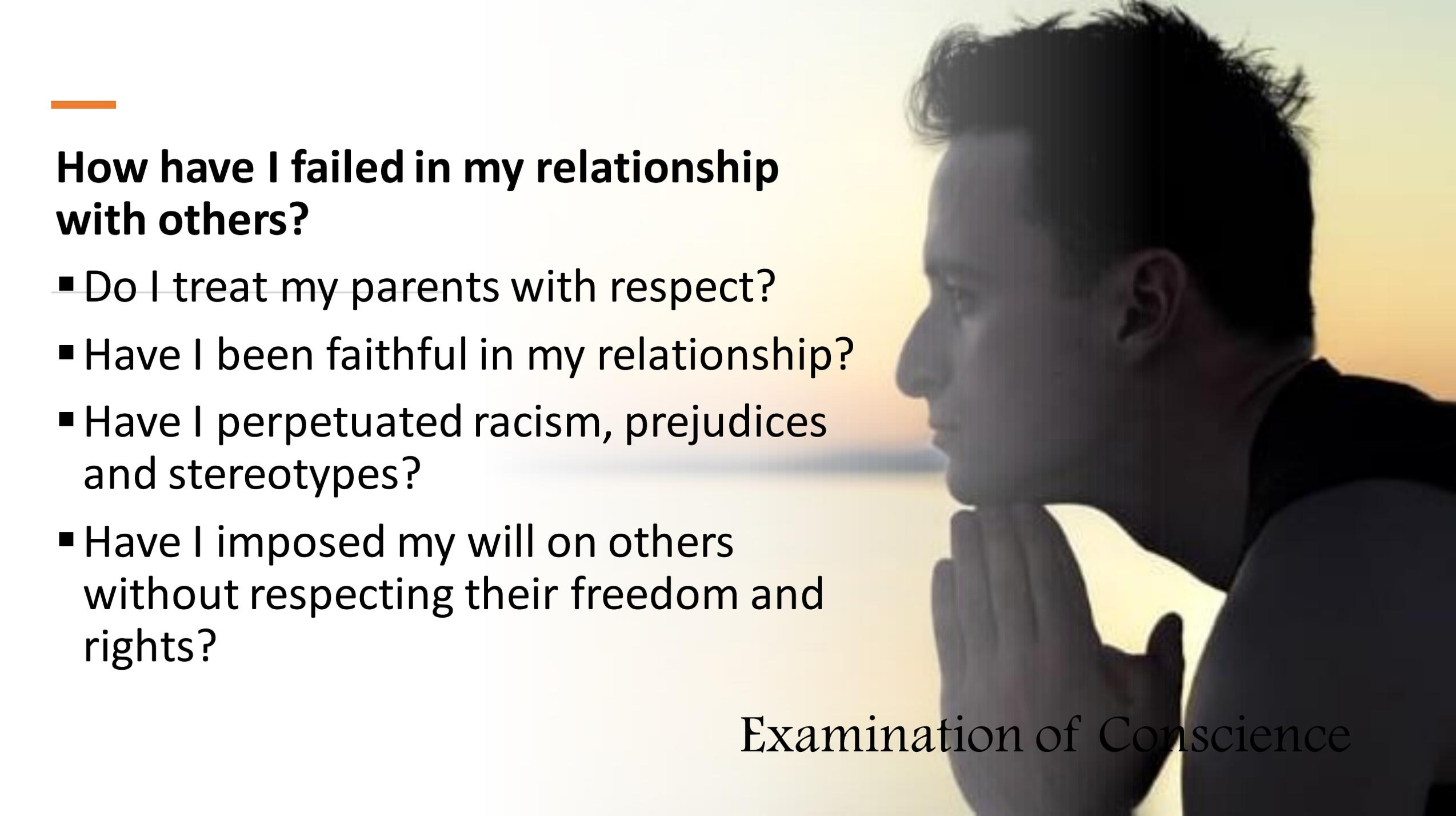
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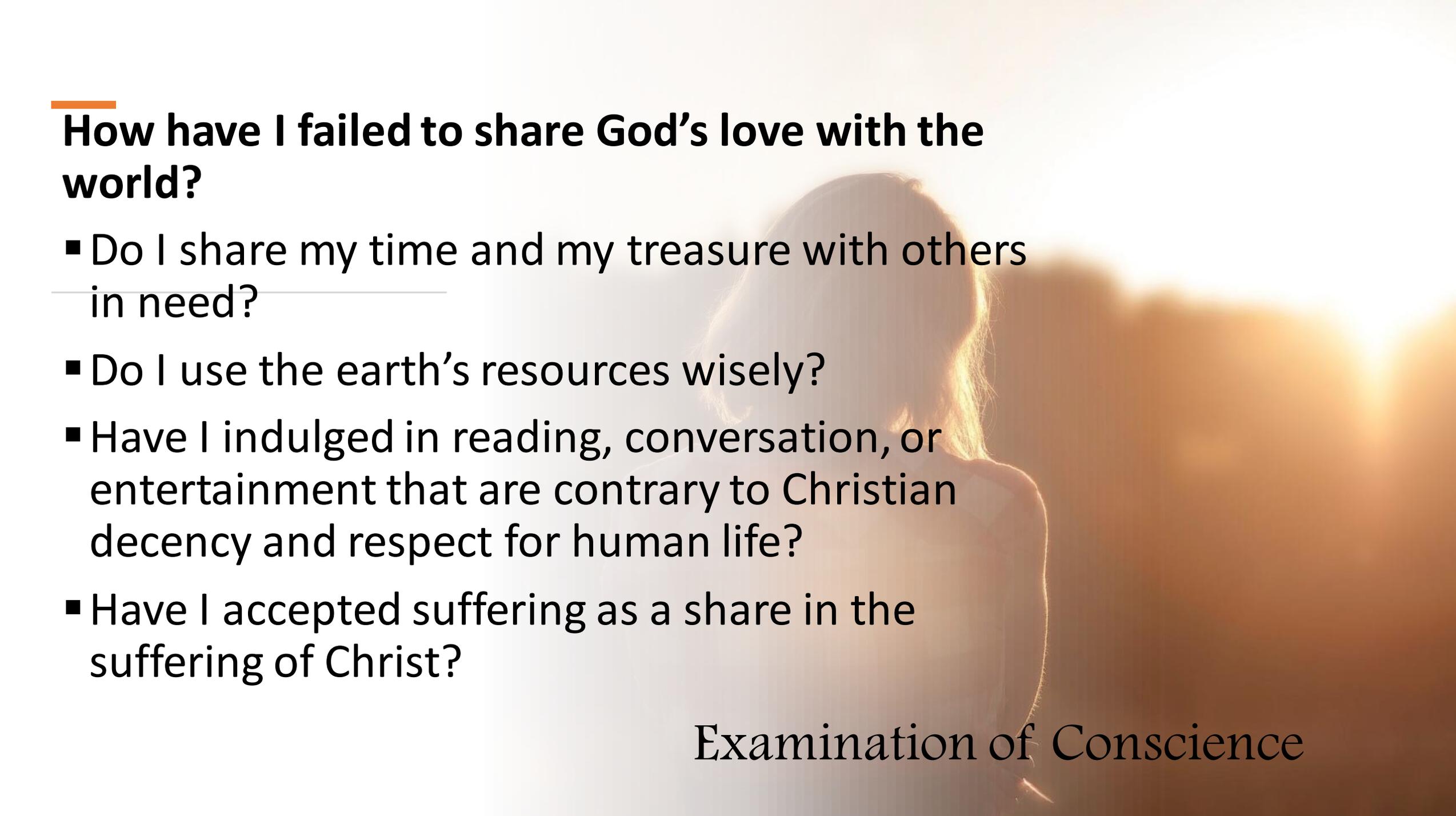
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## How have I failed in my relationship with others?

- Do I treat my parents with respect?
- Have I been faithful in my relationship?
- Have I perpetuated racism, prejudices and stereotypes?
- Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their freedom and rights?

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A woman's silhouette is visible against a bright, warm sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong glow and lens flare effect. The woman's hair is dark and shoulder-length, and she appears to be looking towards the right side of the frame.

## How have I failed to share God's love with the world?

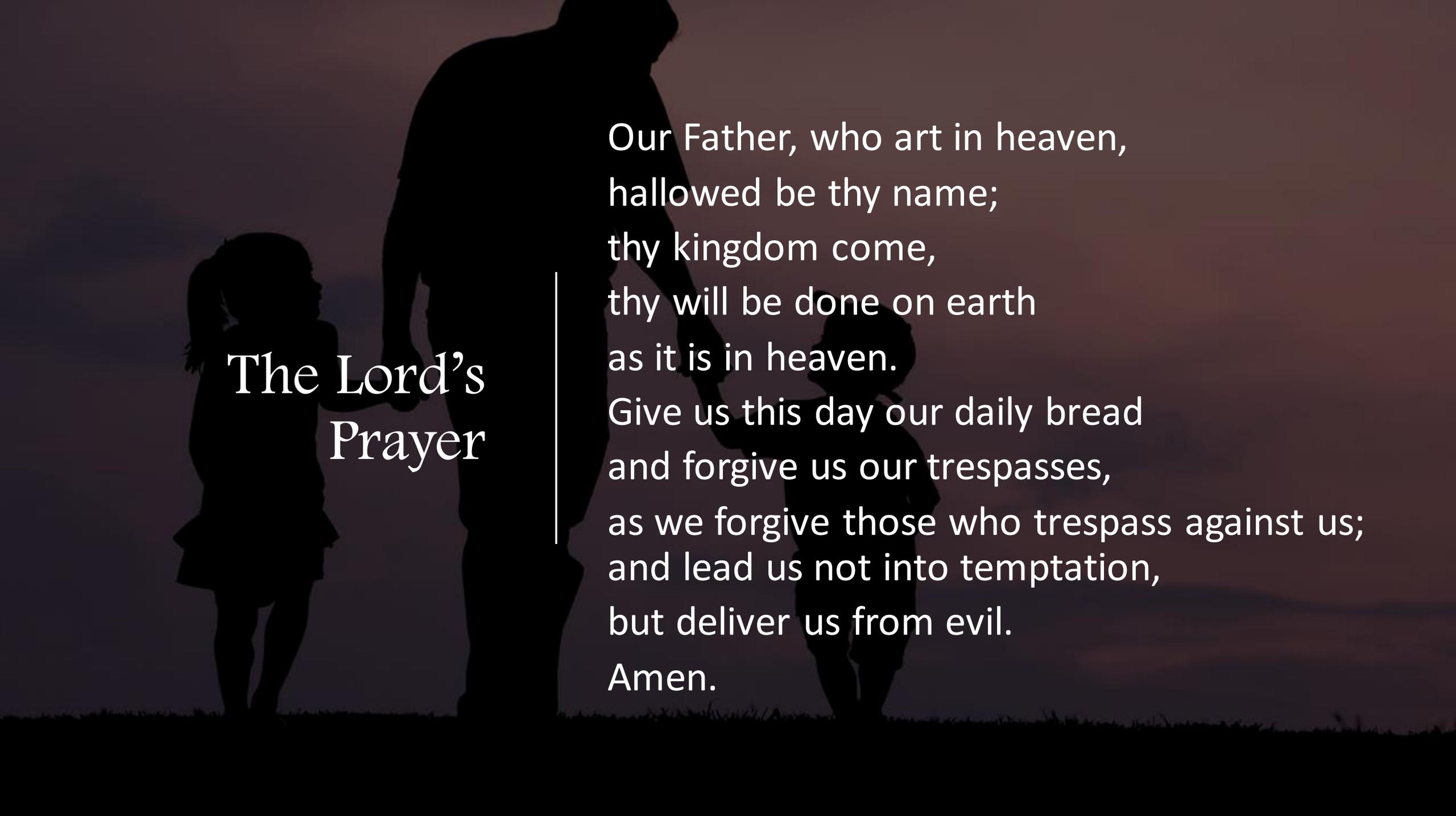
- Do I share my time and my treasure with others in need?
- Do I use the earth's resources wisely?
- Have I indulged in reading, conversation, or entertainment that are contrary to Christian decency and respect for human life?
- Have I accepted suffering as a share in the suffering of Christ?

Examination of Conscience

# General Confession of Sins

I confess to almighty God,  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
Amen.



The background of the image shows the dark silhouettes of a man and two children holding hands, standing on a grassy field against a soft, hazy sunset sky. The man is in the center, with a young girl to his left and a young boy to his right. The text is overlaid on this scene.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

# Advent Reconciliation

*— Prepare the way of the Lord...*

**The end of this prayer experience is through our individual confession to the priest and the final absolution. You may now schedule yourself for individual confession in your home parish.**

**Thank you as we pray together asking for God's merciful love in our preparation to celebrate Christ birth in this season of Advent.**

(Source: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission Reconciliation Service 2013)

## Individual Confession and Absolution

