## An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

> Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

## Acto de Contrición:

Dios mío, me arrepiento de todo corazón de todo lo malo que he hecho y de todo lo bueno que he dejado de hacer, porque pecando te he ofendido a ti, que eres el sumo bien y digno de ser amado sobre todas las cosas.

Propongo firmemente, con tu gracia, cumplir la penitencia, no volver a pecar y evitar las ocasiones de pecado. Perdóname, Señor, por los méritos de la pasión de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo. Amén.

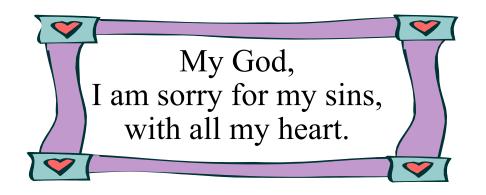


## Saying I'M Sorry



## The Act of Contrition

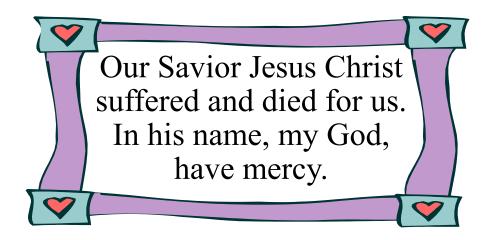
Please help your child to memorize the Act of Contrition.



God loves us and calls each of us to be *friends* with him. In our baptism, we became members of God's family. We are filled with the power to love others. We show that love in our words and in how we choose to act.

We do not always love others the way we know we should. We tell God that we are *sorry*.

God calls us to be \_\_\_\_\_with him.



Jesus died and rose again for us so that we can share in his everlasting life and wonderful love. We ask God for this love when we ask God to have *mercy* on us.

God has forgiven our sins. We are called to *forgive* others. We go in peace and we work for peace with all the people in our lives.

We ask God for his love when we say,

have \_\_\_\_\_on us.

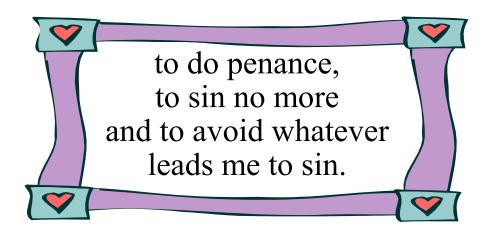
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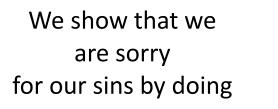
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We tell God that we are when we do not love others as we should.

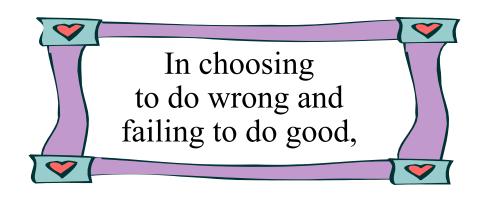


*Penance* is doing something to show that we are really sorry for our wrongs. We promise to make up for the wrongs we have done. We will try to love as *Jesus* has shown us.



We will try to love in the way that

\_\_\_\_\_showed us.



Sometimes, we decide to hurt others in our words or in our actions. Sometimes, we know that we should do some good for another, but we decide to do nothing. Our actions and words are not loving.

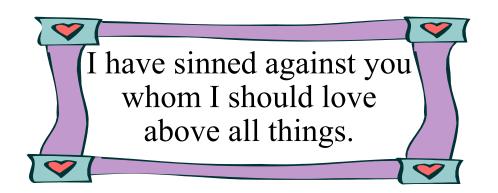
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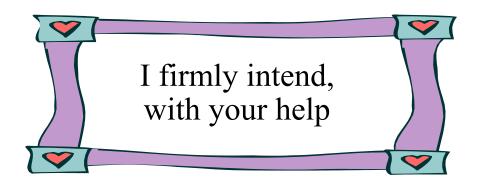
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We should *love* God first in all that we do or say. When we choose to do wrong, we hurt our friendship with others and with God.

God never stops caring for us. Even when we do something wrong, God wants us to reconcile or make things right again.



God calls us to be close friends with him and we promise to do good. We know that God will help us keep our promise by giving us the grace or power to love as we should.

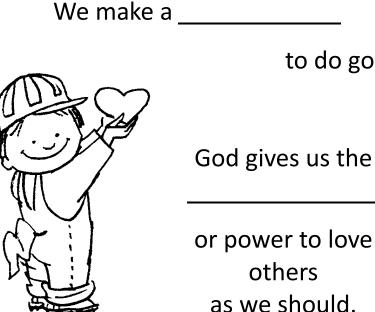


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