Prayers of Confession

Loving God, you are faithful and forgiving, help us now to grasp the greatness of your love. Help us to pray honestly as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Where we have failed to love, and have loved to hurt: Forgive us, and heal us.

Where we have scorned difference and have been indifferent to those in need: **Forgive us, and heal us.**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others, and have been quick to take offence ourselves: Forgive us, and heal us.

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice, and have ignored the injustice around us: Forgive us, and heal us.

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word. When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance, you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west: so far he removes our transgressions from us. *Psalm 108.8, 10–12*

Thank you Lord. Amen