**The Prayer Covenant:   
Following Jesus Together**

**“Repentance”**

1 John 1:8-9  
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(pray the prayer together)

***Repentance – Wash Me Clean From Every Sin***

***1 John 1:8-9***

(symbol of the VW – tell the story – sorry they got caught)

Take sin seriously enough   
to confess it;

Take Christ’s forgiveness   
seriously enough   
to receive it.

**1 John 1:8**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

* We must take the confessing of our sins seriously and that starts with taking   
  sin seriously.

As disciples of Jesus   
we can never be content   
with sin in our lives.

-Dr. Jerry Kirk

**How serious is sin to God?**

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

**Sin leaves us two options:**

1) You can allow sin to continue its death grip on your soul and let it destroy you.

***or***

2) You can profess Jesus as your Savior and Lord and only hope of salvation, confess your sins, and our Just God will forgive you.

**Sin immobilizes believers in 2 ways:**

Sin immobilizes us by our   
indifference to sin   
or by our   
unacceptance of Christ’s forgiveness.

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**Repentance**

1 John 1:9

**If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and just   
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Wash me clean from *every* sin.

Repentance - μετανοέω –   
1) a change of mind – seldom a function of intellect alone – This may affect a. the feelings, b. the will, or c. thought.   
2) regret or remorse

Repentance is essential to understanding   
the Gospel.

1. Luke 3:8
2. Mark 1:15
3. Luke 5:31-32
4. Mark 6:12
5. Luke 24:45-47
6. Acts 2:38

Repentance, turning to God and away from sin, initially happens at conversion but needs to happen as often as sin occurs.

*Recalling and confessing our sin is like taking out the garbage: once is not enough.”*

Cornelious Plantinga Jr. **, Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be: *A Breviary of Sin***

You wouldn’t want toxic waste   
festering in your home   
and you don’t want unrepented sin,   
with its death grip,   
festering in your heart.

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to receive it.**

**John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, **He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**The Justice of God**

**Romans 3:21-26**

**1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

* You have been set free from the death grip of sin by the Blood of Christ.
* The Blood of Christ gives us our worthiness.

The final step in receiving the forgiveness of Christ is to forgive others.

Unforgiveness will keep you from praying the Lord’s Prayer honestly.  *Matthew 6:12*

The forgiveness of Christ restores relationships.

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