

## Praying the Baptismal Covenant

**Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?**

Our God,  
I know I was not meant to go it alone because you created the church to be a supportive family for your children.  
And I know the church is made up of people like me so it isn't perfect!  
Help me to play my part in the church, so I can learn from the teaching, be encouraged by the fellowship, be renewed in the Eucharist, and find strength for living each day through prayer.

**Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?**

Our God,  
You understand that sometimes I do things I never intended to do.  
My sorrow doesn't make it all right and neither can I use my weakness as an excuse.  
Help me to begin anew, to experience your forgiveness and to walk again in Jesus' way.

**Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?**

Our God,  
Help me to live the way Jesus called me to live.  
May my actions speak louder than my words of your love and of new life in Jesus.  
At the same time, help me rise above my own stumbling speech and give me the words to express what I believe. Let me be a witness to the truth.

**Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?**

Our God,  
All too often I have looked at people in a very superficial way.  
Help me begin to see them with your eyes, knowing that every person is created in your image, as your child.  
If Jesus died for that person, how can I despise him? Give me a new love that reaches out to everyone because Jesus died for all.

**Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?**

Our God,

I don't want my attitudes to be shaped by the injustices that mar society, by the discrimination, greed, and lust that spoil relationships.

In Jesus: color does not count, wealth carries no weight, and gender is not important.

Help me to live in Jesus, to see people through his eyes, and work for the harmony that reflects your kingdom. Amen.

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