

Brief Order of Confession and Assurance of Pardon-Romans 8 Reference

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Father God, forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same. Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions, but then stop listening for your answers. Spirit, search our hearts as we quiet them before you, that we may confess our sin and receive forgiveness.**

\*PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Romans 8:12-14)

L: We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

**C: Thanks be to God!**