

Prayer for One Who Has Strayed from the Faith:

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the friend of sinners, the shepherd who seeks the lost sheep. I come to You, Lord, in humble repentance, as one who was lost and dead in sin. Yet, by Your grace I was baptized into the name of the triune God and made an heir of everlasting life.

You have blessed me with the nourishment of Word and Sacrament, where I receive constant forgiveness and the power of the Spirit to renew my life. As You have gifted me, O Lord, so work Your salvation for *(name)*, who at this time seems far away from Your cross and the Word of God.

Lord, You know all things; You know how Satan works to deceive, how he would lead even the elect away if he could. He uses our selfish natures to make us believe that it is okay to do things our way, to trust our own judgement, to ignore Your commands. Bring *(name)* to the judgement of Your Law, so that he (she) may see the condemnation of sin and his (her) alienation from God. Bless him (her) with the forgiving Word of Gospel that he (she) might believe in You, O Christ, and have the joy of forgiveness and the living hope of eternal life.

Help me, Lord, to be an instrument in Your hands to regain this lost soul; in Jesus' name. Amen.