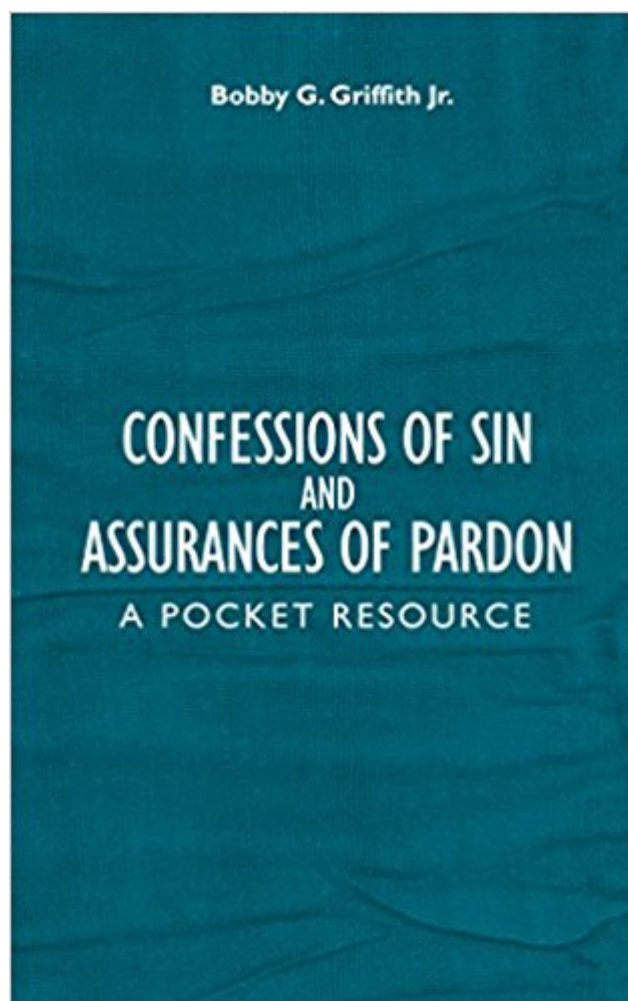


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Synopsis

Our Father is the God of all comfort, the God who strengthens us, the God who sustains us - but He is also the God who forgives us. Understanding our sin and understanding the magnificence of our King and LORD go hand in hand. From the Book of Common Prayer to Bible verses to contemporary teachers, Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon contains 100 prayers to lead and focus your mind on the problem of sin and God's answer of salvation. Use this resource to enrich Bible studies, devotionals, family worship, or even church services.

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In whatever venue it is used, the goal is to draw worshipers to the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need; that together they may entreat, "Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen" (11). I highly recommend this book for ministers, worship leaders, men, women, girls and boys. (Michael Philliber) Jesus taught us in the model Lord's Prayer to cry out to God to forgive our sins and give us a heart of forgiveness toward others. Worship that includes regular prayers of confession forms in us a life of repentance. I commend this work where Pastor Griffith has gathered a wealth of prayers from the rich history of the church and from the present day as well. (Mark L. Dalbey ~ President and Associate Professor of Applied Theology, Covenant Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri) Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon is, in large part, a collection of excerpts from various Christian traditions, and is an outstanding resource - especially for pastors and those who craft liturgy - to connect their worship communities to the broader Church. I highly recommend this book, and plan to use it liberally in my own context. (Scott Sauls ~ Senior pastor of Christ

Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee and author of 'Jesus Outside the Lines' and 'Befriend') Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon: A Pocket Resource is a user-friendly guide to the invaluable and oft-neglected practice of confession, and it is a great help to congregations and individuals looking to draw close to God. (John Sowers ~ Author and President of The Mentoring Project)

100 prayers of confession

The evangelical world is awakening again to the importance of confession as an aspect of worship. Millennials are also awakening to the reality that written prayers--far from being empty expressions of dead piety--can, rather, help to focus our thoughts as we seek to express the complexity of internal realities. A parishioner once commented to me that he found the written confessions in our service enable him to see and express sin he would not have even been aware of on our own. Joseph Conrad writes in Heart of Darkness, "no man ever understands quite his own artful dodges to escape from the grim shadow of self-knowledge"; Griffith's work turns the spotlight of Scripture on that grim shadow and provides meaningful insight into personal or congregational confession. The Assurances of Pardon section, drawn directly from Scripture as well, applies the truth of the Gospel to the honesty of confession. A great resource for personal devotion or service preparation.

Unless you're a historian of some kind, most of us don't have the time or capacity to dig through 2000 years of church history for long forgotten liturgical resources. While other books of prayer are helpful, they tend to stick to one tradition and lack the diversity of voices this book offers. I'm finding this book to be helpful not just for leading Sunday worship but for preparing my heart in my personal time with the Lord as well. You won't regret buying it!

This helpful book compiles confessions and pardons from across the world spanning centuries and even millennia. You'll be glad to look up new prayers and to find familiar ones.

Bobby Griffith has served the church well with this small, but profound, volume. Lord willing, these confessions of sin and assurances of pardon from the early church to today will be a source of encouragement in our worship practice.

Confessions of Sins and Assurances of Pardon are a fantastic part of Biblical worship. Yet many times pastors only have a few that they use in their liturgy repetitively and even though they rotate them these confessions and assurances can become overused. So where is a pastor to turn to when they need new ideas yet they do not have the time to carefully craft them? In comes a trusted Biblical resource by a stalwart conservative pastor. The resource I am referring to is that of Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon: A Pocket Resource by Bobby Griffith Jr., published by Christian Focus. This book is part of the growing and extremely useful Pocket Resource series which gives pastors helpful in crafting a weekly liturgy. One of the first noticeable parts of this resource is its brevity. Yet the conciseness of this work is its best feature. There is no highly technical, overdrawn out discussion on why this section of worship must be included in a weekly liturgy, rather Griffith assumes that you wouldn't be picking up this resource unless you already wanted to use it. This makes Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon a work that gets quickly to the point, giving some of the confessions of sin on the first few pages. One possible area of concern is the unbalance amount of confessions of sin to the amount of assurances of pardon. There are many more of the latter than the former, almost a 2:1 ratio. While this may be a deal breaker to some, there is still a plethora of each. If this resource would be used exclusively for months and months then the pastor would have almost a full years worth of aid in this area, which is much longer than most pastors would rotate though their own personally crafted confessions of sin and assurances of pardon. Needless to say is that the number of each should not be a problem. When looking at the orthodoxy of each and every confession of sin and assurance of pardon, everyone of them conforms to general orthodoxy, for they are littered with Biblical references and drawn from scripture. In the end I recommend this resource to any and all pastors and ministers who are looking for aids in crafting a weekly liturgy for corporate worship. This book was provided to me free of charge from Christian Focus Publishing in exchange for an unbiased, honest review. Confessions of Sin and Assurances of Pardon: A Pocket Resource © 2016 by Bobby Griffith Jr. Publisher: Christian Focus Page Count: 112 Pages ISBN: 978-1781919101

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