

Pastoral Prayer: Our Father & our
 God, as we enter this season of self-
 examination and preparation, we
 though, we know our ~~failures~~ ^{sinfulness}
 and unworthiness. We have all sinned
 and fallen short of your glory, O Lord,
 we have taken your good creation
 and tainted it with our selfishness
 and thoughtlessness; We have abused
 our brother and sister, thinking only
 of our wishes and desires. Forgive us,
 O God.

On ~~an~~ ⁱⁿ this age in which we
 shall self-examine, remind us that
 in truth we have nothing in reward
 of our labors to enter; on our, We are
 unworthy to come before a holy and
 righteous God. Yet in your remark-
 able love and grace, you reach out
 to us through Christ and bring us into
 your very presence, and only beyond
 forgiveness, you draw us to your
 presence and provide the strength
 we need to overcome the temptations
 that confront us day by day. Thank
 you for love we do not deserve but
 we gratefully accept, as we ask it
 in the name of the One through
 whom you demonstrated your love
 on a cross. Amen.

O God, by your Spirit you empowered
 Jesus to triumph over the tempter. De-
 liver us from every compromise and of-
 fense in our daily temptations. Help
 us to follow the One who is
 the way, the truth, and the life, that your
 will may truly be done in our lives.
 In Jesus' name, Amen