TE MAUNGA RONGO RECONCILIATION

Me whai whakaaro te tangata - let's think - me kōrero puku ki te Wairua o Hēhu - arā ki te Wairua Tapu - and speak quietly to the Spirit of Jesus to the Holy Spirit. Stop being miserable and defensive - kaati te noho pōuri! - think of these words of Jesus: "kia aroha koe ki te Atua me tōu ngākau katoa - love God with all your heart."

GOD AND ME

Did I keep my eyes on the guiding light of Jesus and his teaching? Or did I always try to please myself? This can lead to all sorts of evasions, - kōrero teka - lies - tāhae - theft skiting - whakapehapeha Have I remembered to contact God in prayer regularly - to ask for guidance or thank God for good things which have happened?

Do I prioritise the Sunday Mass with its messages from Holy Scripture and the presence of Jesus in Holy Communion? Do I grumble against God when things go wrong?

GOD, ME and OTHERS Kei te tika āku mahi - am I fair or do I judge people rashly? Did I give good or bad example - do I get riri - irritable for no reason? Do I ngautuarā? hurting people by talking behind their back. Did I show prejudice, racial or otherwise? Am I unforgiving? Did I fit in with aroha to the family - whether as mātua parent, child, teina, tuakana? **Did I tend to violence - lose** control - with tongue or fist? **Did I overdo eating or drinking** - matekai - haurangi? Did I allow my sex urges to take control and betray my loved one?

Do I give good example to people who are weak in the whakapono, e.g. support my local Christian whānau by attending weekly Mass: give financial help to people in need?

In the CONFESSIONAL- kneel behind the screen or sit facing the pirihi.

E Pā, whakatapua ahau nā te mea kua hara ahau. Bless me Father for I have sinned.

Make the sign of the cross Ki te Ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti o te Wairua Tapu. Āmene.

<u>*Pirihi:*</u> Haere mai haere mai haere mai. Come and be reconciled with Jesus. I would like first to read a text from Holy Scripture.

Psalm 51 "You are kind God! Please have pity on me. You are always merciful! Please wipe away my sins. Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again."

Another helpful passage is this one from Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans: "I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do what I know is right. I do the things I hate. Although I don't do what I know is right, I agree that the Law is good. So I am not the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them. .. What a miserable person I am. Who will rescue me from this body that is doomed to die. Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me.

<u>CONFESSING YOUR SINS</u>. Father these are the sins which worry me.

(Keep it general; don't be too wordy. The pirihi will help if you need it. I te mutunga iho \bigcirc

Kua mutu wāku hara. These are the sins I remember, but I would like to include everything which may have been wrong, mai rā anō.

(The pirihi hears your sins and spiritually lifts up and presents your life to the Holy Spirit kia murua katoatia \bar{o} hara. He then gives you a <u>Penance</u> - usually a short prayer to say afterwards or he might suggest some special kind act. Accept the Penance by saying: **Kia ora e Pā.**)

Then the pirihi says: "And now a good Act of Sorrow. He Meatanga o te Ripenetatanga." CHOOSE ONE OF THESE ACTS OF SORROW - or USE YOUR OWN WORDS to express sorrow and effort to improve.

E te Atua, e tōku Matua pai rawa, kei te mātau koe ki ōku hara katoa. He nui te pōuri me te mamae o tōku ngākau mōku i hara ki ā koe, nā te mea he pai rawa koe, ā, he mea kino te hara ki ā koe. Kia mahara koe, e tōku Matua, ki ngā mamae me te matenga o tāu Tamaiti o Hēhu Karaiti, ā, murua ōku hē. E tūturu ana tōku whakaaro ki te whakarere i te hara mō āke, āke, ēngari māu ahau e tiaki, e whakakaha, kei hē anō ahau ki ā koe.

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O my God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you, becasue you are so good, and with your help I will not sin again. 3.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner.

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My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

The pirihi extends his hands over the person and says:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Sprit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Sp[irit.

(you answer) Amen.

Pirihi: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

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