

Have you ever done wrong... then wished you could somehow undo it, redo it, or make up for it?

Have you ever knowingly, deliberately done wrong?

Have you ever unintentionally done wrong or hurt someone?

Have you ever intended and attempted to do good only to later discover that you had actually accomplished the opposite?

Have you ever had these wrongs done to you?

Have you been haunted and grieved by them?

These are things that crucified Christ. They are also things that he frees us from as he brings forgiveness and he transforms our evil into good.

This communion is a memorial – a time to remember. It is a time to remember that we make mistakes and that we *need* a savior. More importantly, it is a time to remember and celebrate that we *have* a savior - one who undoes and redoes and makes up for and transforms our shortcomings!

We have the good news of mercy and forgiveness and grace and love, a release from the prison of guilt and regret and helplessness. This is the flavor and the light that the world needs, that we need, that we enjoy.

Prayer for the bread:

Holy Lord God of Heaven,

We praise you for your goodness and the wonders of your love. We praise you and thank you for loving us when we fall so short and do so much harm even when we're trying to do right. Your work of making good from our mistakes and your patience for us are miracles to us, for which we are deeply grateful.

Thank you for the miracle of your son and how you save us even through our very actions that crucified him. Thank you for this bread that represents his body, broken by us, but also for us. May we cherish and share this bread of life!

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Prayer for Wine:

Holy Yahweh, Mighty Jehovah,

We continue our thanks for this communion fellowship and feast. Thank you for this cup, given by a king - a cup that represents the triumph of all your goodness over all our evil. All our wrongs, whether deliberate, unintentional, or meant as good, are covered and washed away by this cup of sacrifice. When it is poured, all your blessings flow with it. Though we mourn our failures and how we grieve you, we rejoice and delight in your gift. Help us to drink this gift of life with delight and gratitude and may our cups always overflow on those around us.

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Prayer for Offering:

Lord God of Heaven,

You are the giver of all good things. You are the giver of the *best* of all things. Love, and forgiveness, and mercy, and grace, and peace, and joy. Help us to seek *you* and *these* blessings, rather than trading them for empty and troublesome things - things that are like honey on the tongue but gravel in the stomach; things such as coins or trinkets or moments of pleasure that flitter away; things that leave us worse for having been there.

Help us to be free *through* our giving and *with* our giving. May we show your light in the world as we shine with gratitude and hope from your gifts, and may we be salt that seasons the earth and those around us with your blessings and your goodness.