

("Cultivate" Prayer of Confession – February 14, 2016)

LEADER:

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord.

ALL:

We confess that we envy others. We do not live like Christ who calls us to be content with what we have. Forgive us, Lord.

LEADER:

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

ALL:

We covet what belongs to our neighbor. Our lives are driven by our wants.

Forgive us, Lord.

LEADER:

"Though your sins are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

ALL:

We begrudge the invitation to give generously and joyfully. We turn away from the needs of others and do not see the difference our caring can make.

Forgive us, Lord.

LEADER:

"I will forgive...and will remember their sins no more."

(from Isaiah 1:18; Jeremiah 31:34)

ALL:

Lord Jesus, I desperately want to love and live like You did—as a Servant who came to give Your life as a ransom for others. Show me how to love and serve others and lay down my demands so that others would be blessed. Cultivate in me a heart of humility and gratitude that looks to give instead of get. Thank You and Amen!