



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 6 - Of the Fall of Man,
of Sin, and of the Punishment
Thereof.

Dear Lord

We are saddened that our first parents were seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan and ate from the tree you specifically said they should not eat from. They rebelled against you.

However, we know that even this rebellion falls within the sovereign purposes you have for your creation and will result ultimately in your glory.

Lord you gifted that first couple an original righteousness and wonderful communion with you, yet in disobedience they fell from this.

Your judgment on their disobedience was declared in advance. That judgment would be death. Every part of their being was affected by sin and every part of their being experienced death.

Their bodies and souls now fallen and corrupted became incapable of that which you first created them for – choosing to follow your good, perfect will and then acting on it.

Today Lord God we recognise that we continue to share their fallen state.

We acknowledge from the clarity of your Word that as they were the first parents of all mankind, their guilt is *imputed* to us. We recognise that their sin and corrupted nature is also ours; their death is now our death.

We admit before you eternal God that we are no longer capable of desiring your good unaided. We admit that the strength of our wills as a moral compass is deficient.

Our thoughts and impulses are somehow always wholly inclined to evil.

Lord we confess that we are polluted by impure motives which become a fountain of outward visible transgressions of your law.

However, Lord God, we praise you for the salvation you gift to us through Jesus Christ.

We are so aware dear Lord that even though saved by grace through faith in Jesus, that even after regeneration by your Spirit there remains a corruption in our nature. We know that although pardoned put to death with Christ, our natures still have sinful outcomes.

We know that this original sin alongside our daily transgressions are contrary to your righteous law and rightly bring guilt upon us.

Lord we deserve only your wrath and the judgment of your law: death, with all the spiritual, physical and eternal pains that go with that judgement.

Lord we can only appeal to your mercy for forgiveness through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We can only plead that with that forgiveness and restoration you might wonderfully bring glory to your own name.