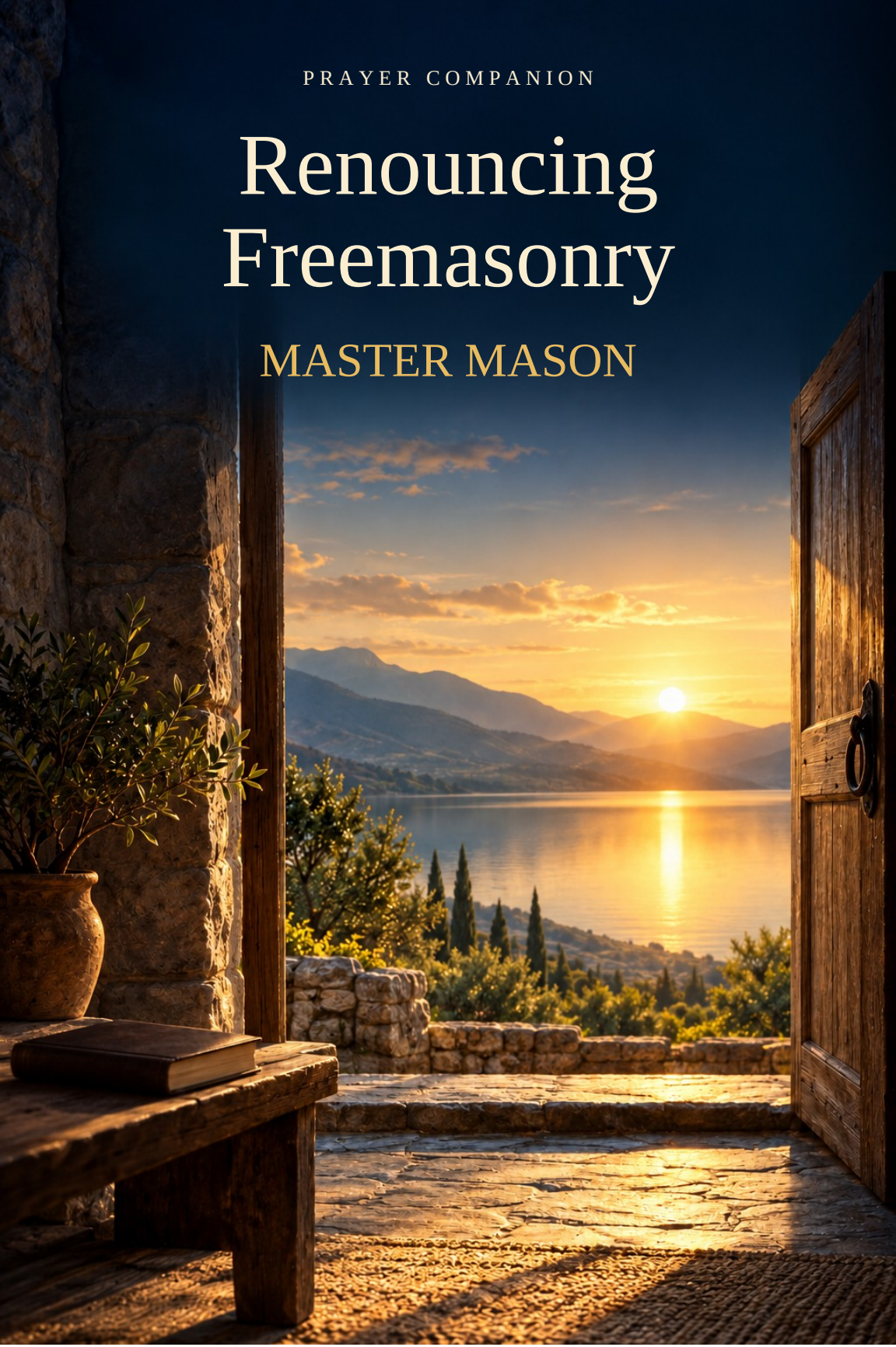
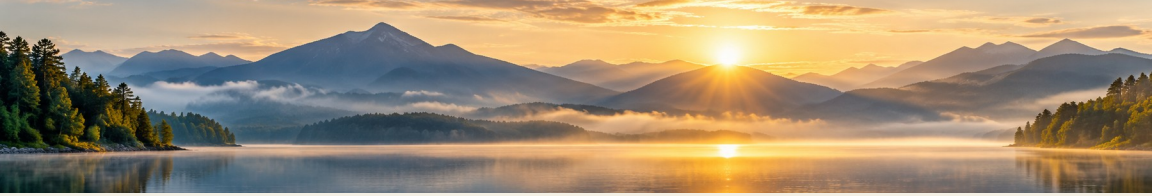


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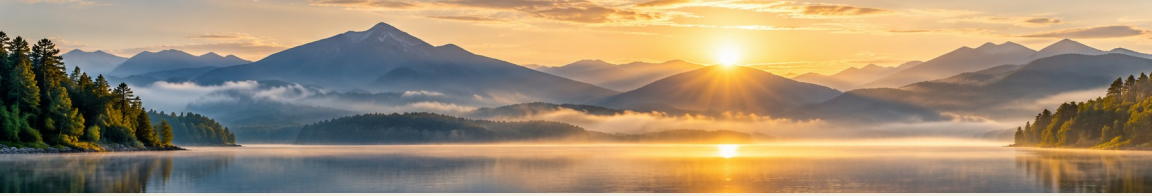
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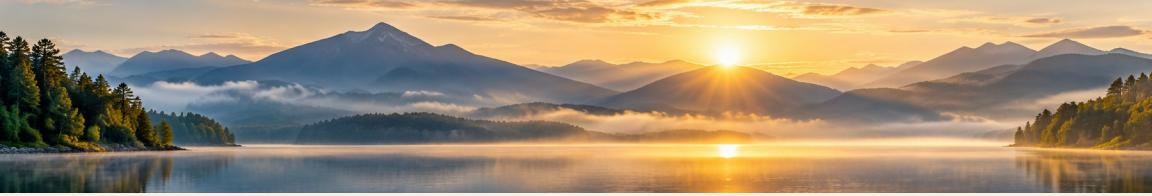
Before you pray

Read or listen to the whole prayer before choosing to repeat it. Use only words you understand and can honestly affirm. You may listen without repeating, pause at your own pace, or speak to God in your own words.

Keep this guide open during a later repeat-along reading. Take as much time as you need after each paragraph. The blank spaces are for your private notes; you do not need to share them.

Reflection before beginning

What choice is mine to address? What is troubling my conscience? What help would be useful?

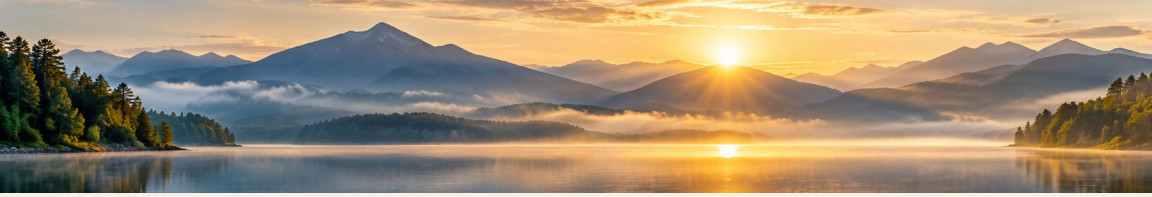


Guided teaching

Welcome. This teaching and prayer focuses on the Master Mason, the third Craft degree. It is for someone who has participated and now wishes to leave that involvement in obedience to Christian conviction.

We will consider mortality, loyalty, and our hope in Jesus Christ. Listen to the full prayer before praying along. If a line does not describe your experience or decision, pause and use truthful words of your own.

Duncan's historical account presents a drama concerning Hiram Abiff, his death, and a ceremonial raising. We refer to this as a Masonic ritual narrative. We are not treating the drama as a biblical account or assuming that every lodge presents it in exactly the same way.



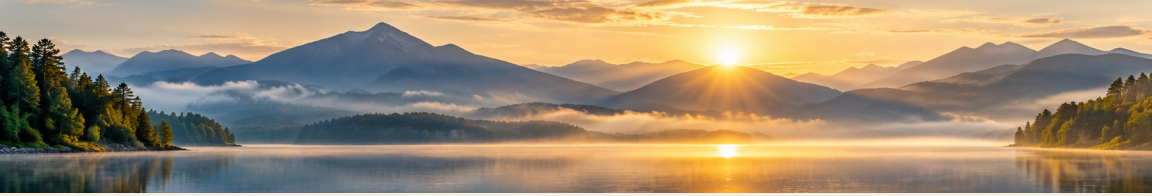
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A ceremony involving death may leave a strong impression. Some people remember solemnity; others remember discomfort or fear. You can describe your own response without assuming what another person felt. You do not have to reenact the ceremony to bring your concerns before God.

Christian hope rests in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. In First Corinthians chapter fifteen, Paul reminds the church of the gospel he preached: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. Paul then explains why the resurrection matters for Christian faith and the future of those who belong to Christ.

That passage directs our trust toward a particular Lord and the work He has accomplished. A ceremonial experience, however memorable, does not supply the foundation of our salvation. We come to Christ in repentance and faith. We learn to receive our identity from Him rather than from the depth of an initiation or the standing it gave us.

Romans chapter six speaks about believers being united with Christ in His death and resurrection, and about walking in newness of life. Paul's concern leads directly into conduct: Christians are called to turn away from sin and offer themselves to God. We should read this teaching in its own context rather than treating its language as an explanation of a Masonic ceremony.



Guided teaching continued

Ask what newness of life should look like for you. Is there a wrong commitment you need to stop honoring? Is there concealed wrongdoing you need to address? Is there a fear you need to discuss with someone trustworthy? Take responsibility for what you chose without inventing guilt for what you did not do.

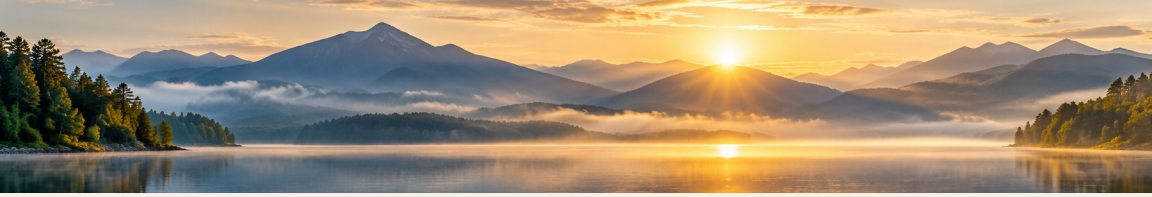
Loyalty also deserves careful examination. Friendship can include generosity, courage, and support. Yet no friendship should require us to conceal abuse, excuse dishonesty, or abandon obedience to Christ. You can appreciate kindness you received and still decide that membership no longer belongs in your life.

First Thessalonians chapter four, verses thirteen through eighteen addresses believers who are grieving those who have died. Paul gives them hope grounded in Jesus' resurrection and tells them to encourage one another. The passage makes room for grief. You can bring sorrow and uncertainty to God without pretending that faith has removed every difficult feeling.

If memories become overwhelming, you may stop and seek support. Prayer can accompany appropriate professional care. A distressing memory is not proof that a hidden spiritual cause has been established. Let your next step be guided by truth and care rather than pressure.

Optional personal pause

You may pause and consider what you personally remember. What commitment troubles your conscience? What fear or grief would you like to bring to Christ? You may write a few words, pray privately, or continue without describing the experience.



Prayer

Father in heaven, I come through Jesus Christ. You know my life and the memories I carry. Receive my honest prayer and lead me in Your truth.

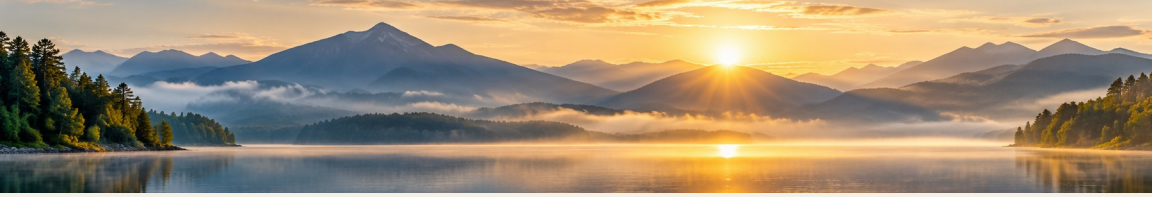
Lord Jesus, I put my hope in Your death and resurrection. Teach me to trust the salvation You provide. Let my belonging to You shape my decisions and my conduct.

I bring before You my participation in the Master Mason degree. I have decided to leave this involvement behind. Help me follow through peacefully and with integrity.

Where I gave a human commitment authority over obedience to You, forgive me. Where I concealed wrongdoing or ignored my conscience to protect my standing, show me what is mine to confess and address.

I withdraw my consent from every commitment I personally made that conflicts with faithfulness to You. I will not appeal to loyalty as an excuse to harm someone or hide what needs to be brought into the light.

Help me receive my identity from Christ. I entrust my life and my future to You. Teach me to walk in the newness of life described in Your Word.



Prayer continued

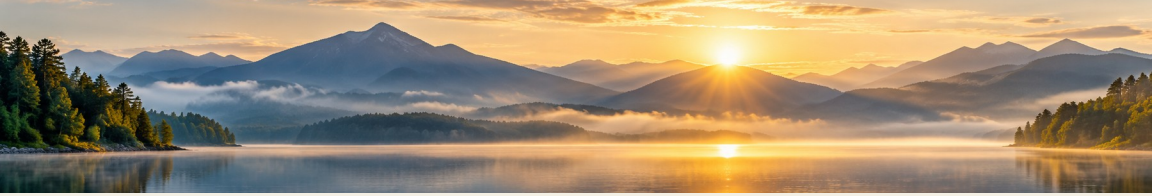
I bring You my fear of death, my grief, and any memory that troubles me. Grant comfort and wise support. Help me receive care without shame and speak honestly about what I need.

I submit to You and resist the devil. Strengthen me against deception, temptation, and fear. Keep my attention fixed on Jesus rather than on speculation about things I cannot verify.

Give me grace to forgive without denying harm. Teach me to establish wise boundaries. Help me take responsibility where I have harmed others and seek appropriate counsel about making things right.

Care for my family and former companions. Keep me from treating them as enemies. Let truth, compassion, and courage guide my words.

Lead me in faithful Christian fellowship. Give me patience to grow and strength for the next act of obedience. Thank You for the hope of resurrection in Jesus Christ. In His name I pray. Amen.



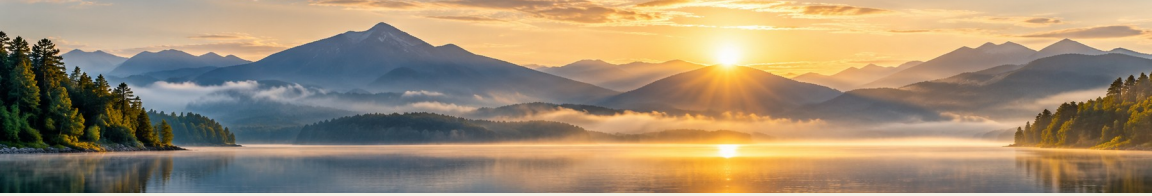
Reflection

1. What am I personally deciding about my Master Mason involvement?

2. Where have I confused loyalty with a duty to conceal wrongdoing?

3. How does First Corinthians chapter fifteen direct my hope toward Christ?

4. What support would help me address grief, fear, or difficult memories wisely?

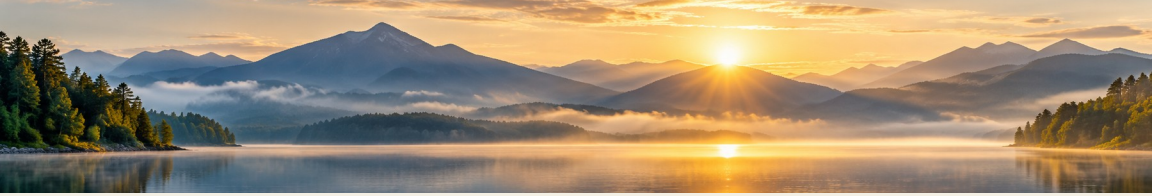


Next steps

Record your decision in simple words. If you need to resolve a membership responsibility, gather the facts and seek appropriate advice. Prayer does not replace practical withdrawal steps or any legitimate responsibility you need to address.

Read First Corinthians chapter fifteen and Romans chapter six in context. Choose one action that reflects the life you are asking God to form in you. This completes our teaching on the three Craft degrees. The next resource begins the separate Chapter sequence represented in Duncan's account, starting with Mark Master. Follow only the modules relevant to your experience.

Notes



Reading references

Historical context: Malcolm C. Duncan, *Duncan's Masonic Ritual and Monitor*, third edition (New York: Dick & Fitzgerald, 1866), printed pp. 87–149; selected context pp. 87–88, 117–120, 125, 130–132.

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