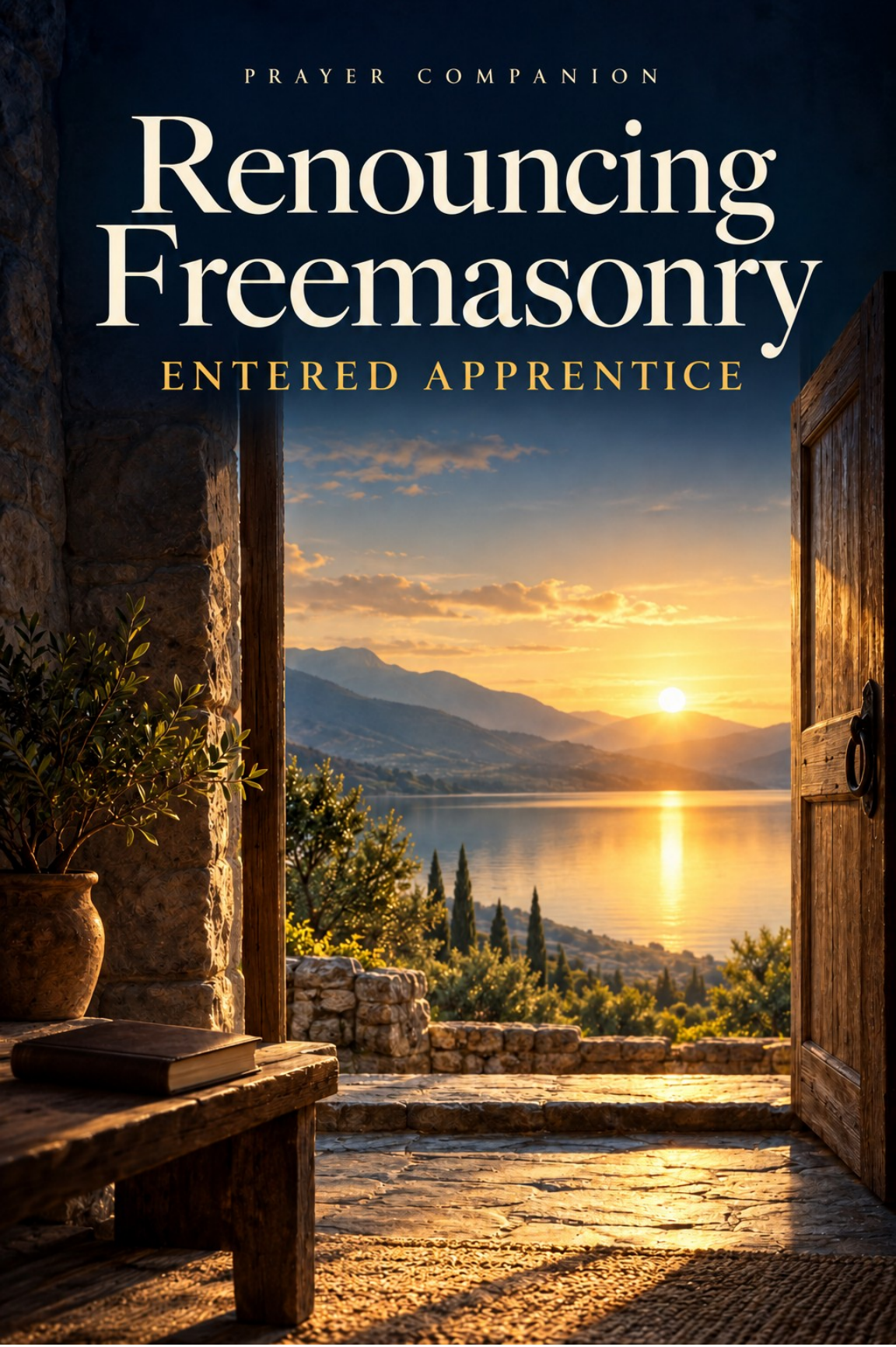
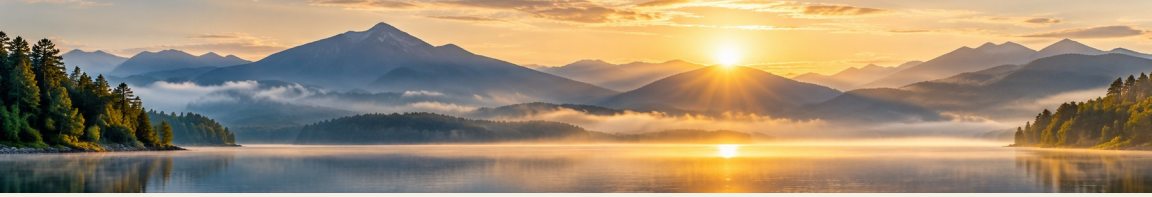


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Renouncing Freemasonry

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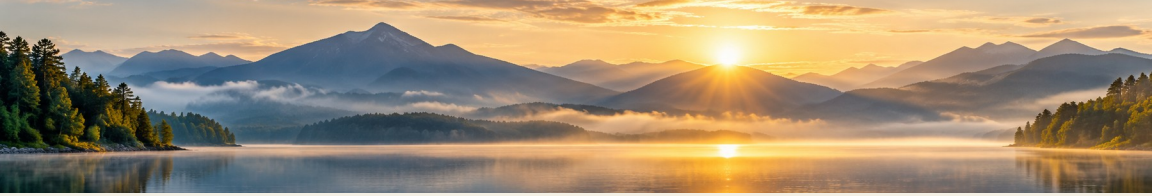
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Before you pray

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.

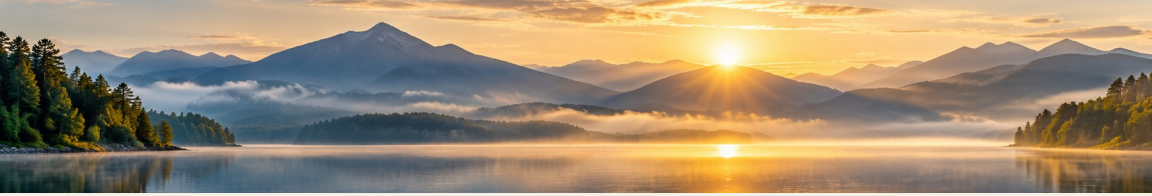
Keep this guide open during a later repeat-along reading. Take as much time as you need after each paragraph. The blank spaces are for your private notes; you do not need to share them.

Scripture for Entered Apprentice

2 Corinthians 5:17–21; Leviticus 5:4–6; Matthew 5:33–37; Acts 5:27–32; Ephesians 6:10–18; James 4:7.

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 Entered Apprentice, the first degree in Craft Freemasonry. It is for someone who has participated and now wants to leave that involvement behind as an act of Christian conviction.

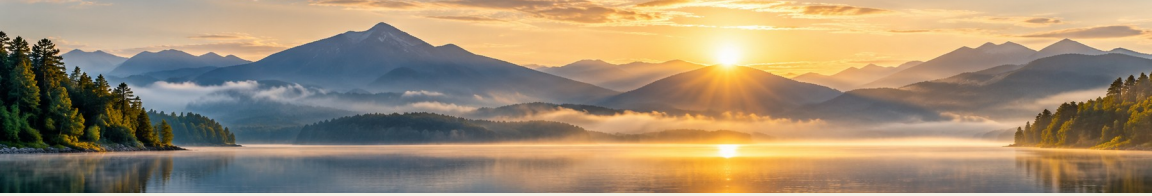
We will begin with our identity in Christ. Then we will look at the way Scripture addresses our promises, our speech, and our obedience. We will make room to consider your own experience, pray, and choose a practical next step.

As before, listen to the whole prayer before repeating it. You can read it first in the companion guide. If a statement does not describe your own experience, pause and pray in words that are true for you.

Second Corinthians chapter five, verse seventeen says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Read that promise in the setting of reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ. The passage directs us toward the One who makes reconciliation possible.

Your former degree does not have to be the center of your life. Your family’s history does not have to supply your deepest sense of belonging. Turn your attention to Christ. Learn what it means to follow Him, to receive His mercy, and to live as someone entrusted with a new way of life.

You may feel regret about a choice you made. You may also remember friendships or acts of kindness. You can acknowledge your history honestly while deciding how you will live now. You do not have to hate people in order to leave an organization. You can choose faithfulness to Christ and still treat others with dignity.



Guided teaching continued

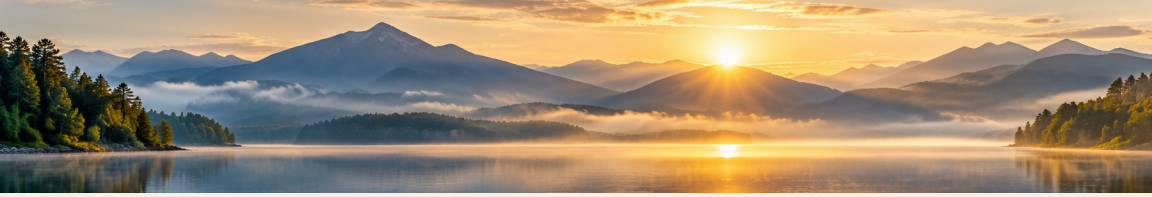
Leviticus chapter five, verses four and five addresses rash swearing and confession when a person becomes aware of guilt. The passage belongs to Israel's law and continues with instructions about an offering. It teaches us to take our words seriously and to acknowledge wrongdoing rather than hide it.

For us, the question is personal: Did I promise something that I now recognize I ought not to do? Did I make a commitment without considering it carefully? Have I used an earlier promise to excuse conduct that I know is wrong?

Jesus teaches truthful speech in Matthew chapter five. Verse thirty-seven says, "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay." We should be people whose honest words can be trusted. This reaches beyond any one ceremony. It concerns what we say at home, at work, in church, and when no one is watching.

Acts chapter five, verse twenty-nine records the apostles saying, "We ought to obey God rather than men." They spoke when ordered to stop teaching in Jesus' name. Their response shows where Christian obedience belongs when a human demand conflicts with God's command.

Bring your own commitments before the Lord in that light. You can say plainly that you will no longer practice what you believe is contrary to obedience to Christ. You can seek counsel about the practical consequences of leaving. You can correct wrongdoing without pretending that every complicated question is already settled.



Guided teaching continued

If you remember a specific promise that troubles your conscience, name it simply before God. There is no need to repeat ceremonial wording you do not wish to affirm. Describe what you did, why you believe it was wrong, and the change you intend to make.

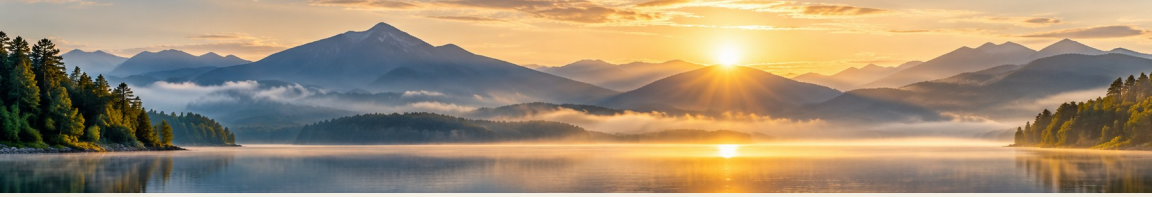
Ephesians chapter six calls Christians to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. The passage describes the armor of God and calls us to prayer. Truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God shape the way we stand.

Notice how much of this becomes visible in daily conduct. Tell the truth where you once concealed something. Seek peace where you have nurtured hostility. Put your trust in Christ when fear presses on you. Learn Scripture in its context and let it correct your thinking.

This is a life of discipleship. We pray now, and we keep learning to obey afterward. If a difficult feeling returns tomorrow, bring it to the Lord and seek the support you need. You are allowed to grow steadily.

Before we pray, take a quiet moment. What did you personally choose? What do you now want to turn away from? What would a truthful next step look like? You may write a few words or speak privately to God.

Now listen to the prayer. When you return to pray along, I will leave space after each short paragraph for your response.



Prayer

Father in heaven, I come through Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your mercy. You know my history and the choices before me. Help me speak honestly and receive Your instruction.

Lord Jesus, I turn toward You. I trust You as my Savior and Lord. Teach me to live in the reconciliation You provide and to follow You with a willing heart.

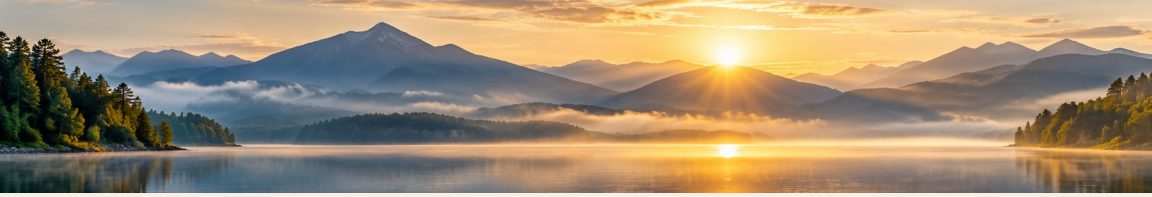
I bring before You my participation in the Entered Apprentice degree. I have decided to leave this involvement behind. Help me carry out that decision with clarity and integrity.

Where I made a promise or accepted a practice contrary to obedience to You, I repent. Where I spoke carelessly, acted from pride, or silenced my conscience to gain acceptance, forgive me. Show me how to make right what is mine to address.

I withdraw my agreement from any such promise or practice. I will not use a former obligation as a reason to disobey You. Guide me as I put this decision into action.

I give You my allegiance and worship. Lead me away from every competing claim that I have allowed to direct my obedience. Teach me to honor Jesus Christ in what I believe and what I do.

Your Word calls me to submit to God and resist the devil. Father, I submit to You. Strengthen me to resist deception, temptation, and intimidation. Keep me grounded in truth when I am afraid or uncertain.



Prayer continued

Teach me to stand in the armor You provide. Make my words truthful. Form righteousness in my conduct. Prepare me to carry the gospel of peace. Strengthen my faith, guard my mind with the hope of salvation, and help me use Your Word faithfully.

Give me courage to say no where I need to say no. Give me humility to seek counsel where I do not understand. Keep me from making accusations I cannot support or treating other people with contempt.

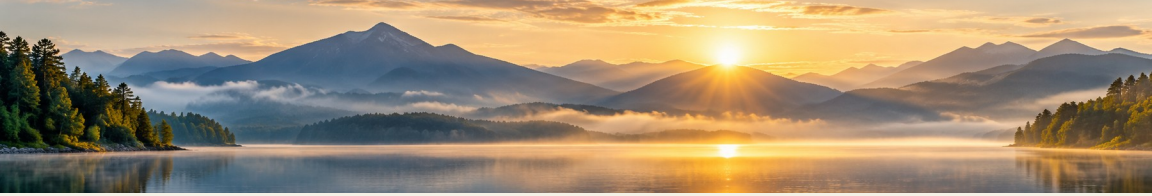
I ask for grace to forgive. Where trust has been damaged, help me establish wise boundaries. Where I have harmed someone, show me an honest and appropriate way to take responsibility.

Father, care for my family and those with whom I have shared this part of my life. Lead us in truth. Help me speak with kindness without surrendering my convictions.

Settle my heart as I walk forward. Give me faithful companions in prayer, sound teaching, and the help I need. Teach me patience when growth takes time.

Let my life bear the fruit of Your Spirit. Help me serve, love, and keep my word. I entrust the future to You, one day and one obedient step at a time.

Thank You for hearing me through Jesus Christ. In His name I pray.
Amen.



Reflection and next steps

Scripture or thought I want to return to

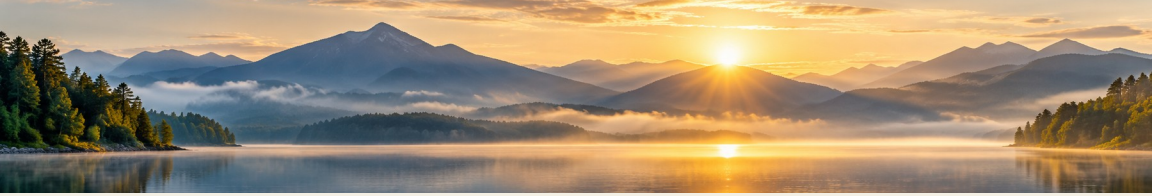
What I want to bring honestly before God

A next step or question to discuss

Continuing after prayer

Take time to record the decision you have made. If you need help withdrawing from membership or resolving a responsibility, speak with someone who can advise you appropriately. You do not need to rehearse a ceremony or perform a symbolic action to prove that you meant your prayer.

Return to the Scriptures we have considered. Read James chapter four and Ephesians chapter six in context. Ask God to show you one act of obedience for today. Continue in prayer with your confidence fixed on Jesus Christ.



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