



A Prayer To Our Holy Father

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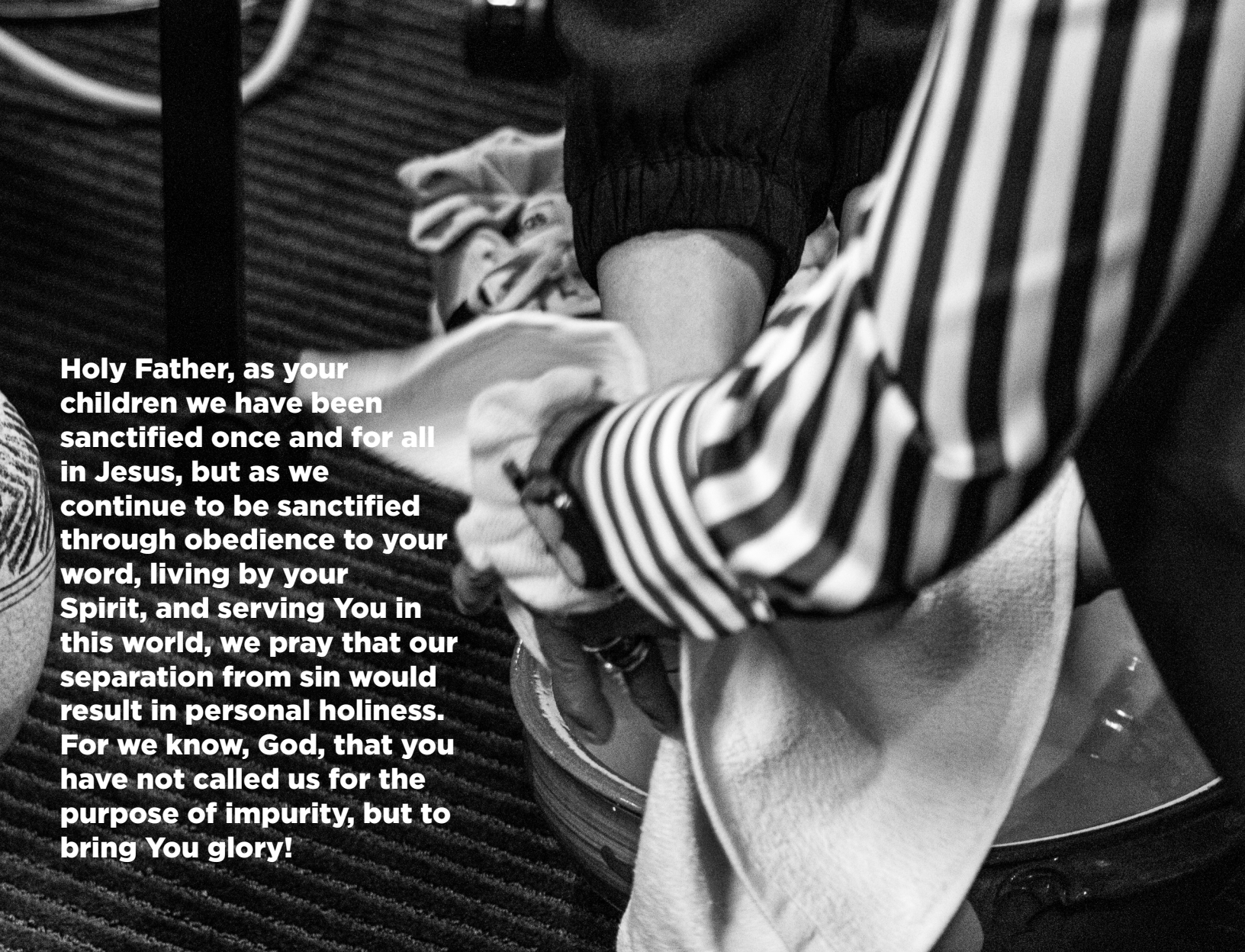
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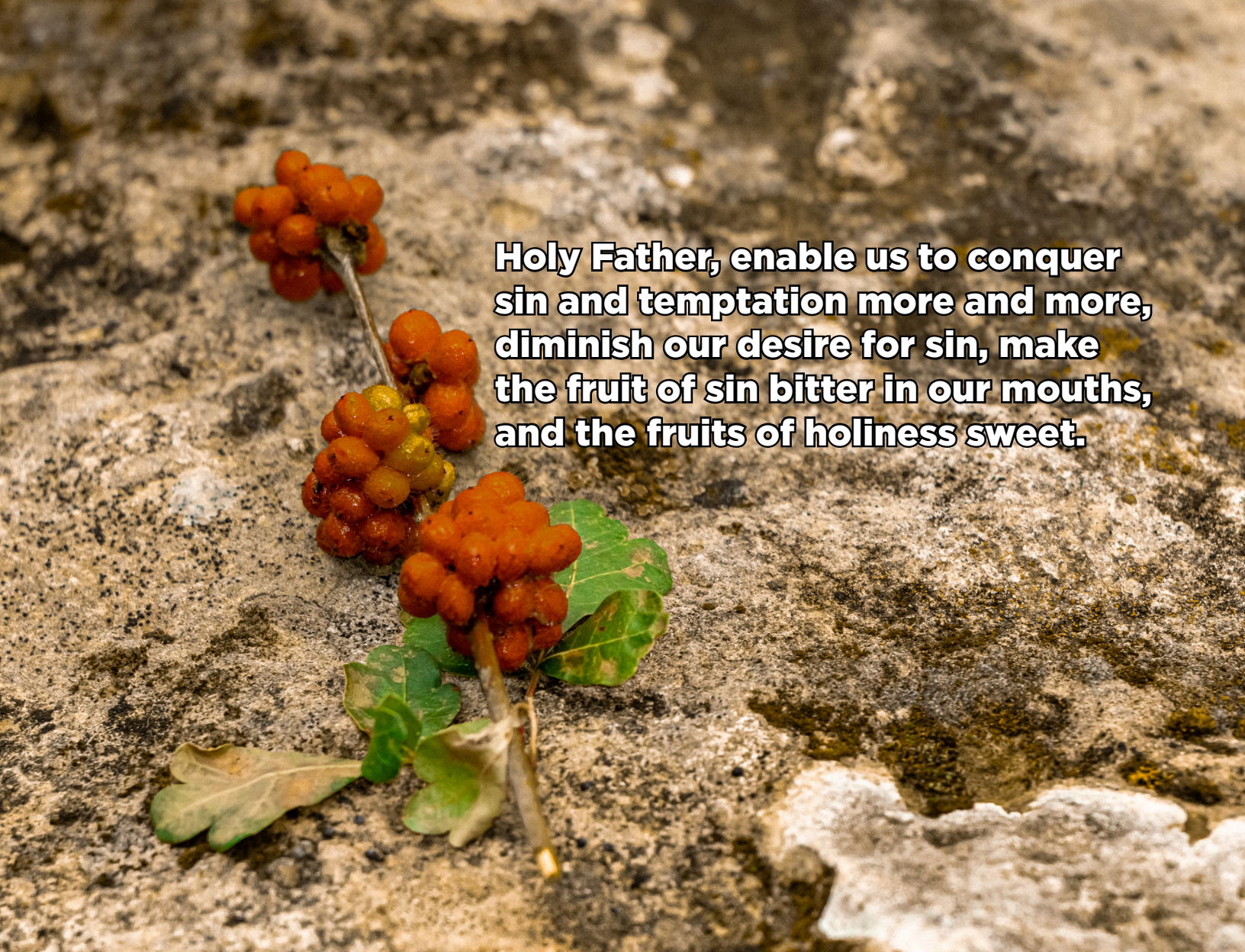
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Holy Father, in Your presence we would be undone but for your mercy. Our sins are many, and even if few, they remain grotesque in Your sight. We cry out as did Your prophet Isaiah, “Woe is me...I am ruined. I am as good as dead! Every word I’ve ever spoken is tainted, blasphemous even! And the people I live with talk the same way, using words that corrupt and desecrate.” And yet we dare; no, we are invited into your holy presence because, through the sacrificial death of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our guilt is gone, our sins wiped away.





**Holy Father, as your
children we have been
sanctified once and for all
in Jesus, but as we
continue to be sanctified
through obedience to your
word, living by your
Spirit, and serving You in
this world, we pray that our
separation from sin would
result in personal holiness.
For we know, God, that you
have not called us for the
purpose of impurity, but to
bring You glory!**

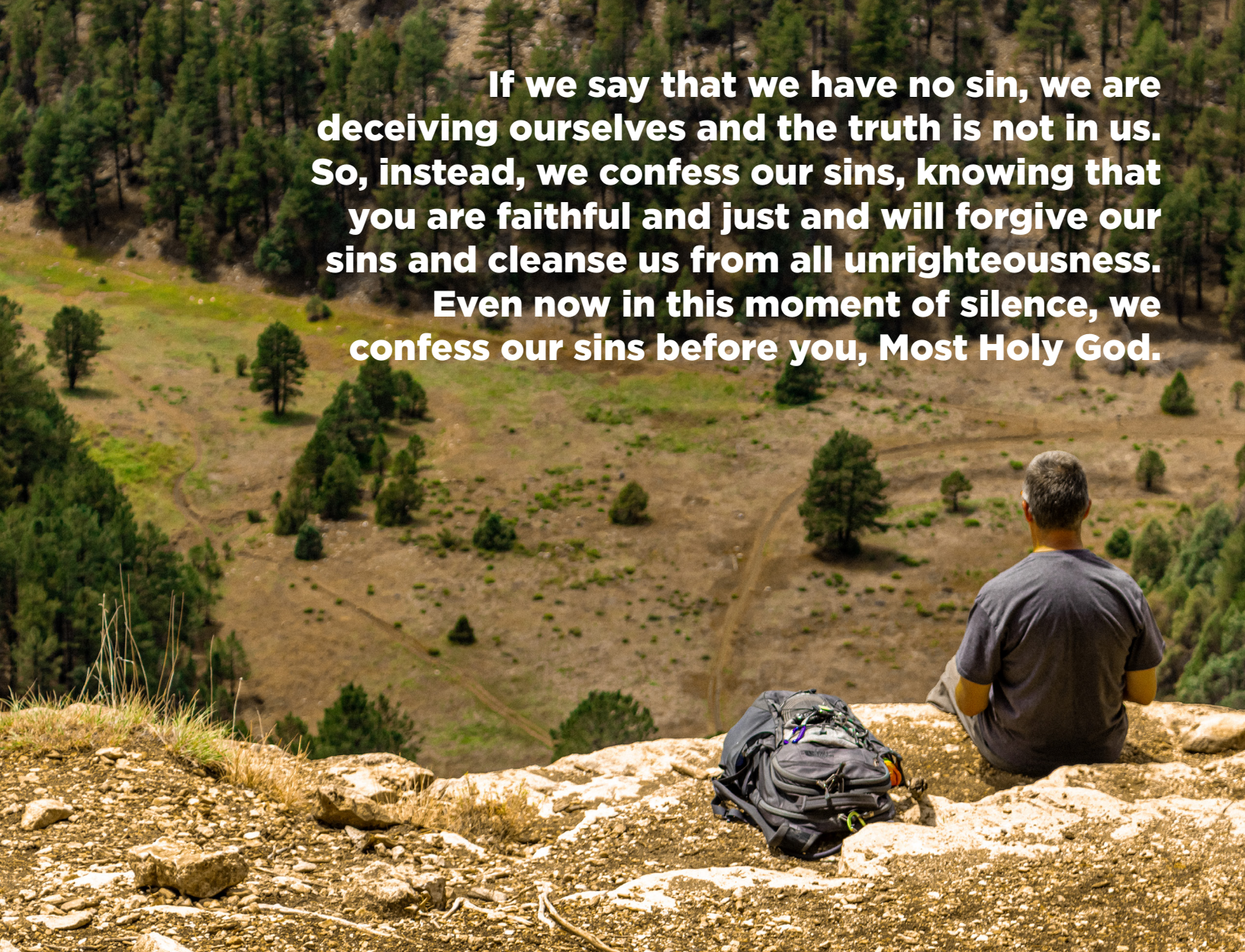


**Holy Father, enable us to conquer
sin and temptation more and more,
diminish our desire for sin, make
the fruit of sin bitter in our mouths,
and the fruits of holiness sweet.**



We confess the willful sin in our lives and the unrecognized sins that we do not see without the illumination of your Spirit moving on our hearts. With David we pray, “Acquit me of hidden faults.”

**If we say that we have no sin, we are
deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
So, instead, we confess our sins, knowing that
you are faithful and just and will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Even now in this moment of silence, we
confess our sins before you, Most Holy God.**





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