

[Here let the Minister request all who are willing to engage in the renewal of the Covenant, to signify it by standing up, after which, in the name of the congregation, he shall open his lips to the Lord, in these words, all devoutly kneeling:]

O most holy and most merciful God! for the passion of Thy Son, we beseech Thee accept of us poor prodigals now prostrating ourselves at Thy door. We have fallen from Thee by our iniquity, and are by nature heirs of death, and a thousand-fold more children of hell by our sinful practice; but of Thine infinite grace Thou hast promised mercy to us in Christ, if we will but turn to Thee with all our hearts; therefore, upon the call of Thy Gospel, we are now come in, and, throwing down our weapons, submit ourselves to Thy mercy.

And because Thou requirest, as the condition of our peace with Thee, that we should put away our idols, and be at defiance with all Thine enemies, which, we acknowledge, we have wickedly sided with against Thee, we here, from the bottom of our hearts, renounce them all; firmly covenanting with Thee not to allow ourselves in any known sin, but conscientiously to use all the means that we know Thou hast prescribed for the death and utter destruction of all our corruptions. And whereas, formerly, we have inordinately let out our affections upon the world, we do here resign our hearts to Thee; humbly protesting before Thy glorious Majesty, that it is our firm resolution, and that we do unfeignedly desire grace from Thee, that when Thou shalt call us hereunto, we may practice this our resolution, to forsake all that is dear unto us in this world, rather than turn from Thee to the ways of sin; and that we will watch against