

FORM FOR THE EXCOMMUNICATION OF A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,

It has been made known on several occasions that NN has grievously sinned and thereby given serious offense.

1 Tim 3:7
1 Jn 3:8 ff.
Jn 8:44

We have done this so that through your Christian admonitions and prayers, he/she may turn to God. He/she has fallen into the snare of the devil, who holds him/her in his power to do his will. He/she stubbornly resists the will of the Father. With sorrow, we must say that no one has yet testified that he/she has sincerely confessed his/her sin, shown true repentance, and turned from his/her wrong path. On the contrary, he/she daily aggravates his/her guilt through his/her stubbornness and an unrepentant heart.

1 Cor 5:5,7,13

We have already informed you that we would have to apply the last remedy if he/she does not repent after all the patience the church has shown. He/she must be cut off from the congregation according to God's command, so that the whole body is not infected by the decaying and so far incurable member, and the Name of God is not blasphemed.

Mt 16:19

Therefore, we, the church council of this congregation, declare in the Name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ that NN is now excluded from the congregation of God. With sincere sorrow, we cut him/her off from the fellowship with Christ, from the holy sacraments, from all spiritual blessings of God that the congregation receives by the promise of the King of the church. For Jesus Christ says: Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.

1 Cor 5:11
1 Tim 5:22
2 Th 3:14-15

Beloved Christians,

We admonish you: do not associate with him/her, so that he/she may be ashamed. However, do not regard him/her as an enemy but admonish him/her from time to time in love.

1 Cor 10:12

Beloved brother and sister,

You have seen how this man/woman has fallen through stubbornness. Learn anew from this sad case to fear the Lord and listen to the words of the apostle: Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. Therefore, remain faithful in fellowship with the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and with all believers. Do this to the end in the hope of the glory of God. Watch and fight against sin, the devil, and his cunning; do not harden your heart; confess your sins, show remorse, and ensure through repentance that your way of life is in accordance with the gospel of Christ. Let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith - all to the glory of God the Lord.

Heb 12:1-2

Php 2:13

Since it is God who works in us, making us willing and able to carry out His holy plan, let us call upon His Name.

Almighty, righteous God and merciful Father,

We confess that we have grievously sinned against you. Because of our unrighteousness, we have deserved the sorrow and grief of this excommunication. We pray to you, be gracious and merciful to us for Christ's sake; forgive us, Lord, and do not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our unrighteousness. We pray to you, stir in our hearts ever more a sense of sorrow for sin by your Spirit. Let us fear you, the Lord, because of your judgments on those who persevere in sin without remorse or repentance. Keep us from being contaminated by the world. Give us the strength to repent and live in Jesus Christ. We beseech you, bless our admonitions. By your grace and through our admonition and example, bring the excommunicated sinner and all who harden themselves and live in unbelief back to the right path. Bring us joy instead of sorrow, gladness instead of grief. Thus, let your Name be hallowed in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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