

## The Profession of Faith

Do you trust you are God's Beloved Child, created in God's image – from water, earth, and God's own breath – and pronounced, in the beginning, “*very good*”? **I do.**

Do you admit your human limitations, your inability to live with perfection, and your reliance on God's grace, made known in The Way Jesus? **I do.**

Do you desire to unite with this inclusive spiritual community, rooted in The Way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources? **I do.**

Will you choose the Radical Hospitality, Holistic Spirituality, and Engaged Compassion of Jesus as the primary authority for your life? **I will.**

With God's help, do you commit to being and becoming a person of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in yourself and in the world? **I will.**

Do you renounce the presence of evil in the world: those “powers and principalities” beyond our control that defy God's vision of The Beloved Community? **I do.**

Will you join us in welcoming all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging? **I will.**

Will you journey with our children, rejoicing when they rejoice, weeping when they weep, modeling for them The Way of Jesus in your life? **I will.**

### The Prayer of Jesus (Neil Douglas-Klotz)

Name of names, our small identity  
unravels in you, you give it back  
as a lesson.

Your name, your sound can move us  
if we tune our hearts as instruments  
for its tone.

Your rule springs into existence  
as our arms reach out to  
embrace all creation.

As we find your love in ours,  
let heaven and nature form  
a new creation.

Produce in us, for us, the possible:  
each only-human step toward home  
lit up.

Erase the inner marks our failures make,  
just as we scrub our hearts  
of others' faults.

Deceived neither by the outer  
nor the inner – free us to  
walk your path with joy.

Again and again, from each universal gathering –  
of creatures, nations, planets, time, and space –  
to the next.