**Candle of Atonement Prayer**

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you,

for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands

and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness

and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human,

more fully Christ-like and more fully your people,

that we may see the errors of the past

and go forward with renewed hope

and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen.