



**What is this TXT Fondue program about?**

Prayer is one of the most important components of a holy life. But it does not only involve praying for yourself. In this program, we want to teach you how to also pray from the viewpoint of God the Father. This type of prayer is called "intercession". Intercessory prayer can become a lifestyle that takes you into the heavenly throne room very often. One of the most effective types of bearing fruit spiritually is produced by intercession. Through intercession, you reconcile individuals/nations with God the Father. This is the ministry of reconciliation.

**How is a TXT Fondue played?**

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

*Not the answer but the process*

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

*Referee*

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

*Feedback*

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through [HuisfeestNetwerk.org](http://HuisfeestNetwerk.org)! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](http://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork).

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**What is the House Feast Network?**

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

*Networking*

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: [facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork](http://facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork). Elders can exchange their experiences at [facebook.com/groups/Oudsten](http://facebook.com/groups/Oudsten).

*Share impressions*

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

**What is the Learnhouse?**

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the fifth fundament: sanctification.

We recommend you to read the book of James, Matthew, Luke, Proverbs and the entire Bible while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

**Previous program:**  
5.09 Hypocrisy

**This program:**  
5.10 Penance

**Next program:**  
5.11 Ambassador

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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### 1a. What is the Hebrew name for the Day of Atonement?

(answer) Yom Kippour / Yom Ha-Kippurim.

### 2a. In Leviticus 23:27-32, God the Father gives the commandment to celebrate the Day of Atonement:

**"The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the Lord. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God. Those who do not deny themselves on that day must be cut off from their people.**

**I will destroy from among their people anyone who does any work on that day. You shall do no work at all. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. It is a day of sabbath rest for you, and you must deny yourselves. From the evening of the ninth day of the month until the following evening you are to observe your sabbath."**

### What is so special about the Day of Atonement?

(answer) It is the holiest day of the year.

### 3a. On the Day of Atonement, everyone was not allowed to do one thing, and were required to do another thing. Which?

(answer)

- They were required to fast (they were not allowed to eat).
- They were not allowed to work (they were required to rest).



### 4a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

**Someone from the team asking the question will lip read what comes before reconciliation. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Do penance.

### 5a. On the Day of Atonement of 1973, the Arab countries invaded Israel. On this day, Israel was prohibited to defend itself, because nobody may work on the Day of Atonement. Psalm 127:1b says: "Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." This is the promise that God the Father guards the city Himself.

**In the six days that followed this attack, God the Father has fought for the people of Israel, and before the next Sabbath, they had conquered more land, including a part of Jerusalem. This war is known as the Yom Kippur War (Six-Day War). Why did God the Father fight for them?**

(answer) Because Israel kept the Word of God the Father, by resting on this day. This is why God the Father also kept His Word by granting total victory in six days.

(comment) *When you really do not work on the Day of Atonement because it is an absolute day of rest, then God the Father will on that day guard the borders and fight for you.*

### 6a. We will now go more in-depth on both types of penance. Each team discusses one type of penance. What is individual penance?

(answer) To pray and to claim the redemption of your guilt through the blood of Jesus Christ.



**7a. James 5:16a says: "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." In some cultures, confessing in a booth is a liturgically known practice. How should we confess individual sins according to the Bible?**

(answer) In public.

(comment) *This results in purification and deters from sin.*

**8a. What makes you aware of sin, so that you know you need to do penance?**

(answer) The other team must name only one of these:

- Your conscience.
- The Bible.
- The Holy Spirit.

(comment) *Your conscience also includes when someone points something out to you.*

**9a. When you know you need to do penance, what does the time between that particular moment and the time you actually do penance, say about you?**

(answer) Your level of commitment.

(comment) *The longer you need, the more you wrestle with yourself. The shorter the time, the more committed you are.*

**10a. We know the word "penalty" as a practical or monetary punishment, but the punishment for sin is not practical or monetary, but a penalty of blood. We can only pay this penalty by naming the blood of King Jesus and our penance together in prayer. Must you do penance for everything you are guilty of?**

(answer) Yes, because King Jesus commands His followers to live perfectly. This means that everything that is wrong, must be corrected.

(comment) We find this assignment in Matthew 5:48: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

**11a. When you have a prayer topic of your own, for a subject that is very close to your heart, they are called "petitions" (or "supplications"). When is it intercession?**

(answer) When it is very close to the heart of God the Father. It doesn't need to have anything to do with your own world of experience. It is an intercession to His heart.

**12a. Let us stop with keeping the score here, and let us discuss the final two questions with both teams. When there are matters in your life that are not holy, then do the following like we have learned in this program:**

1. Openly do penance.
2. Pray for the person who did penance.
3. Call upon the blood of King Jesus in prayer for all those present.



**1b. What does "atonement" or "reconciliation" mean?**

(answer) Restoring peace.

**2b. The Jewish calendar is different from ours. This is why their seventh month is not our seventh month (July). In which month of our calendar does this autumn feast usually fall?**

(answer) October.

**3b. Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest went to the most holy part of the temple to offer God the Father the blood of the sacrificial lamb. If God the Father was angry and did not accept the sacrifice, the people were doomed. Then only judgment would follow. The high priest would fall dead on the floor in the holiest of holies. This is why everyone listened carefully if the high priest was still alive and that he could execute the offering in the dark holiest of holies. How did everyone know whether the high priest was still alive and moving?**

(answer) He had bells at the bottom seam of his priestly robe, which tinkled when he was moving.

**4b. There are two different kinds of penance. Which are they?**

(answer) Individual and collective penance.



**5b. Our High Priest is King Jesus. On the Day of Atonement, He goes to God the Father to plead for reconciliation for us. He also gives the task to do intercession to us. 1 Timothy 2:1 says:**

**"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."**

**What is collective penance a part of? Choose from:**

- a. Petitions.**
- b. Prayers.**
- c. Intercession.**
- d. Thanksgiving.**

(answer) The correct answer is: "c. Intercession."

**6b. Name an example of something that requires collective penance.**

(answer) Examples include:

- Apartheid in South-Africa.
- British oppression in Ireland.
- Nazism in Germany.
- Legalization of abortion.

**7b. The Old Testament explains very clearly how a country can be restored. Name the two actions a nation should undertake according to 2 Chronicles 7:13–14 in order to receive healing:**

**"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."**

(answer) Humble themselves and pray.



**8b. Restoring a nation means that God's will is done over this nation and their land again. In the days of Daniel, all the people of Israel were in captivity in Babylon. This wasn't according to the plan of God the Father, but he had no other choice than saying to His people: "you will be punished for your sins for 70 years". According to Daniel 9:2-3, what did Daniel do when those 70 years were nearly over?**

**In the first year of [King Darius] his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

(answer) Daniel did extensive intercession and negotiated with God the Father that if necessary, he would be removed from the book of life for the sake of the return of his people.  
(comment) Daniel describes the intercession he did in detail in Daniel 9. God the Father had said that the captivity would last 70 years in Jeremiah 25:11-12.

**9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)**

**Because of Daniel's intercession for the people of Israel, they could return to Jerusalem. Someone from the team asking the question will lip read, what it is called when God the Father authorizes a request, like He did with Daniel. The other team will try and guess this.**

(answer) Entreated.

(comment) This means "persuade" or "negotiate". In some Bible translations, "entreated" is replaced with "God answered/accepted the prayer".

**10b. How much did this intercession require from Daniel?**

(answer) Do intercession for many years in a row, three times a day, on his knees.

(comment) This required a great deal of dedication. It is because of this dedication that he for example was thrown into the lions' den.

**11b. In Genesis 18:17, God the Father said: "[Why should] I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?" When Abraham heard that God the Father intended to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their sins, Abraham negotiated about rescuing individuals. God the Father knew that Abraham was an intercessor, who possibly could rescue people from Sodom and Gomorrah through intercession. Couldn't God the Father decide for himself whether He wanted to rescue people?**

(answer) He always chooses to carry out His plan of salvation through His followers.

**12b. Just like Abraham, God the Father also wants to involve you in the matters of His heart. Follow Abraham's example by doing the following:**

- 1. Be silent in prayer, and ask God the Father which subject He has on his heart.**
- 2. After you have heard this, write down the prayer points of God the Father in a list.**
- 3. As a unity, do intercessory prayer out of all your might, like Abraham prayed for Sodom and Gomorrah. Now you do substitutional penance and intercession.**