

# Examination of Conscience Music Ministers

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**Lord God, we know that you are always with us, standing beside us, alive in our hearts. You know us better than we know ourselves. We acknowledge to ourselves and to You the truth of our lives.**

Have I been grateful for the gifts of God today?

Have I thanked Him for the gift of life, music, food, and friends?

Have I used my gifts for service? Or have I used them to attract attention and feed my ego?

Have I been proud? Needing to stand above those less musically accomplished? Have I welcomed the criticism that helps me to become a better servant?

Can I admit my jealousy of the talents of others? Do I give thanks for those gifts? Do I compliment and encourage them regularly? Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?

Have I been a good servant? Have I attended to the needs of those in my care rather than satisfying my own needs? Am I really intent on helping people to pray rather than performing?

Have I resented the faults and weaknesses of others? Have I looked honestly at my own weakness? Can I forgive myself for my own flaws?

Have I allowed myself to be paralyzed by fear? Can I let Christ make up for whatever lack there is in me?

Have I shown Christ's hospitality, especially to those who are strangers, or different from me?

Have I been tempted to despair when I see and experience my sinfulness? the sinfulness of the Church? Of my co-workers? Am I sometimes sarcastic and cynical?

Have I spent quiet time in prayer today? Have I searched for where God is speaking to me?

How has my prayer been lately? Dry and barren? Quiet and peaceful? Challenging and nourishing?

Have I been honest with myself about the limitations of my time and energy? Have I tried to do more than I should? Have I asked others for help?

**O God, this is who we are. We put our trust in your great kindness. We are sinners embraced by your tender compassion. Purify us in the fire of your love. Heal us with the power of your unconditional love. Hold us forever in the arms of your mercy.**

