

On this night of atonement



O God of forgiveness,
on this night of atonement we come before You,
haunted by memories of duties unperformed,
of promptings disobeyed, of beckonings ignored.

We confess
that there were opportunities for kindness and service
which we allowed to pass by in the year just ended.

We are ashamed
of sins committed with evil intent,
as well as of follies committed unwittingly,
or even with good intentions.