9. Praying for forgiveness of sin

When we are aware of sin in the lives of those who are abiding in God and walking in the light, we should "ask of God" (1Jn 5:16).

There is no reason why we should not do this for ourselves as well as others. "We shall assure our heart before him, in whatever our heart condemns us... whatever we ask we receive from him..." (1Jn 3:19-24).

So let us confess our sins to God, and ask forgiveness, for we know it is "according to his will" to grant it (1Jn 5:14-16).

“My little children, I write these things to you so you will avoid sin. However if anyone sins, we have an intercessor with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He himself is the offering for our sins, and not for ours alone but also for the whole world”

(1Jhn 2:1-2)