**Matthew 9:9-17**

**Introduction**

**Real repentance, not ritual righteousness (9:9-13)**

**True renewal, not false religion (9:14-17)**

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I cannot hope to make myself right with you through my own works or religious rituals. Please forgive me for my pride. Thank you that Jesus offers welcome, forgiveness and hope to sinners. Please forgive me and help me live a life of repentance and trust in Jesus. In Jesus’ name, Amen.