

## **Prayer of Intercession: Reconciliation**

Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation.  
Give us the strength to persevere without counting the cost,  
and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations,  
and to be conduits for the deep listening  
which can lead to healing and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Help us to conduct ourselves with humility,  
giving respect and dignity to those we meet. Help us to move from prayer to action,  
and from action back again into prayer. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Grant that we may be so grounded in your love,  
that our security is not threatened when we change our minds,  
or begin to see a more holy way to act. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale –  
politicians, world leaders, leaders of business,  
and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage  
in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness,  
and bringing people and nations together. Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*At this time, I invite your own prayers of thanksgiving and concern.*

Loving God, you are always more ready to listen than we are to pray. Bless us in our efforts to join you in the work of reconciliation and healing. May those who are hurting experience your deep and abiding grace, and may we learn to treat each other with the love through which we were created. It is in your Son's name we pray. Amen.

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