

## **A Prayer for Reconciliation**

God of mercy and peace,  
You know how easily relationships can fracture,  
how quickly misunderstanding grows,  
and how deeply hurt can settle within human hearts.

We pray for reconciliation in our homes,  
our churches, our communities and our world.  
Help us to listen more carefully,  
to speak more graciously  
and to resist the temptation to wound one another through pride, suspicion or fear.

Lord Jesus,  
You taught us to love our enemies,  
to forgive as we have been forgiven  
and to seek peace wherever possible.  
Give us humility when we are wrong,  
grace when we are hurt  
and compassion when reconciliation feels difficult.

Be close to those carrying broken relationships today:  
families divided by conflict,  
friendships strained by misunderstanding,  
communities fractured by anger  
and nations torn apart by violence and hatred.

May Your Holy Spirit soften hardened hearts,  
renew compassion where it has faded  
and remind us that no person is beyond Your love.

Help Your Church to be a place of welcome, honesty and healing,  
where truth is spoken with kindness  
and mercy is never forgotten.

In a divided world,  
make us people who build bridges rather than walls,  
and who reflect something of the reconciling love of Christ.

Amen