



A Prayer Moment for the Home

Litany of Reconciliation

Marriage and family life give us plenty of opportunities to reach out to each other with love and forgiveness. Pray this Litany of Reconciliation together. You can incorporate the Litany into many moments of home life, such as at mealtime, at bedtime, or to celebrate forgiveness after an argument or time of conflict in the home.

Holy God, your Son Jesus taught us to forgive. Let us listen to the Word of the Lord and let it enter our hearts:

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

All: Lord, teach us to forgive.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. (Matthew 6:12)

All: Lord, teach us to forgive.

You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other (Matthew 5:38-39)

All: Lord, teach us to forgive.

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. (Matthew 7:1-2)

All: Lord, teach us to forgive.

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.' (Matthew 18:21-22)

All: Lord, teach us to forgive.

After each petition, all respond: "We are sorry, Lord."

For hurtful words said in anger or haste....

We are sorry, Lord.

For finding faults instead of affirming gifts...

We are sorry, Lord.

For thinking only of ourselves when others are in need...

We are sorry, Lord.

For fighting when we should be forgiving...

We are sorry, Lord.

For making war with our words ...

We are sorry, Lord.

For bringing division when there should be unity...

We are sorry, Lord.

For breaking promises when others depend on us...

We are sorry, Lord.

For failing to listen when those we love need to be heard...

We are sorry, Lord.

End by praying:

God of reconciliation, your grace pours out on those who ask for your forgiveness. We thank you for your kindness to us, for forgiving us and helping us to forgive each other. May our home be a place where forgiveness happens every day. We pray this through your Son, Jesus, our Lord of all forgiveness. Amen.