

O God, the Father of all people, our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us to love our enemies: to do good to those who hate us; to bless those who show us disrespect; and to pray for those who betray, abuse or abandon us. This may be the most difficult attitude and action you ask us to learn, O God.

We pray that you will enable us to give up prejudice, to seek truth, and to learn forgiveness. Deliver us from hateful, cruel and vengeful intentions. Help us to trust and allow the Holy Spirit to steadily reduce our self-protective egotism. And in your good time enable all of us - both our enemies and us - to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***