

DAY 14 | RECONCILIATION

Make Room for God's Heart • Prayer & Fasting

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for loving us before we knew how to return to You. While we were still far away, You made a way home through Jesus Christ. Thank You that reconciliation begins with Your mercy, not with our ability to earn Your welcome.

Lord, search our hearts for the places where we still live as though we are strangers to You. Where shame tells us to hide, remind us of Your forgiveness. Where fear tells us we must prove ourselves worthy, teach us to trust the finished work of Christ. Help us receive the new life You have given us instead of clinging to the names and failures of our past.

Like the son who came to his senses and turned toward home, give us humility to acknowledge our sins and courage to return. Thank You for the picture of a father who ran to embrace his child. Teach us to understand both the seriousness of repentance and the abundance of Your compassion.

Jesus, You have made peace through the cross. Establish us firmly in the hope of the gospel. Let that peace change how we live, how we speak, and how we treat those around us. As Your ambassadors, keep us from using Your name to advance our pride or our own agendas. Help us carry Your message faithfully, with truth, gentleness, and love.

Give us wisdom to pursue reconciliation wherever it is right and possible, without confusing forgiveness with the removal of healthy boundaries or pretending that trust is restored without change. May our lives reflect the heart of the Father, who calls people out of separation and into life.

Make room in us for Your heart. Let gratitude replace striving, humility replace pride, and love replace fear. Thank You that in Christ the old has gone and the new has come.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Scripture focus: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 • Romans 5:6–11 • Colossians 1:19–23 • Luke 15:17–24