

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER,

WE COME BEFORE YOU WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU ARE THE AUTHOR OF ALL **RELATIONSHIPS**. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF COMPANIONSHIP AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE DEPTH OF LOVE THROUGH OUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS. TODAY, WE LIFT UP OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO YOU, SEEKING YOUR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM TO CULTIVATE HEALTHY, GODLY CONNECTIONS.

SCRIPTURE TELLS US IN ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10 (NLT) THAT "TWO PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF THAN ONE, FOR THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER SUCCEED. IF ONE PERSON FALLS, THE OTHER CAN REACH OUT AND HELP. BUT SOMEONE WHO FALLS ALONE IS IN REAL TROUBLE." LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN US, ENABLING US TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT ONE ANOTHER IN TIMES OF NEED.

PROVERBS 27:17 (NLT) REMINDS US THAT "AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO A FRIEND SHARPENS A FRIEND." MAY OUR RELATIONSHIPS BE CHARACTERIZED BY MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND GROWTH, WHERE WE INSPIRE EACH OTHER TO BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF OURSELVES ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.

HELP US TO WALK IN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, AS INSTRUCTED IN EPHESIANS 4:32 (NLT): "INSTEAD, BE KIND TO EACH OTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS GOD THROUGH CHRIST HAS FORGIVEN YOU." GRANT US THE GRACE TO EXTEND MERCY AND UNDERSTANDING TO ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS YOU HAVE SHOWN US BOUNDLESS GRACE THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST.

IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 (NLT), WE ARE GIVEN A BEAUTIFUL DEPICTION OF LOVE: "LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. IT IS NOT IRRITABLE, AND IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF BEING WRONGED. IT DOES NOT REJOICE ABOUT INJUSTICE BUT REJOICES WHENEVER THE TRUTH WINS OUT. LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE." MAY OUR RELATIONSHIPS BE FOUNDED UPON THIS SELFLESS AND ENDURING LOVE, REFLECTING YOUR LOVE FOR US.

LORD, WE SURRENDER OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO YOU, KNOWING THAT YOU ARE THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF WISDOM AND GUIDANCE. MAY OUR CONNECTIONS BE A TESTIMONY TO YOUR FAITHFULNESS AND GRACE, SHINING BRIGHTLY FOR OTHERS TO SEE AND GLORIFYING YOUR NAME.

IN JESUS' NAME, WE PRAY, AMEN.

