

## Prayer for Reconciliation and Forgiveness

**This prayer was read by Father Tim Sullivan during his homily  
at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 6, 2020  
at Immaculate Conception Church in Knoxville, Tennessee**

Dear Lord, help us to do our very best each day to affirm one another and to remove the barriers that seem to sour our relationships and keep us at a distance from one another. Please give us your Grace to heal our short tempers, our destructive crabbiness, and help us to let go of the grudges we hold onto so tightly. Inspire us, dear God, to be vessels and ambassadors of your forgiveness, of your healing love, and your wisdom. Loving and gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us so that we will have the courage to reach out to those who have offended or hurt us. With your inspiration heavenly Father, may our efforts heal the wounds that hurt our families, hurt our church, and hurt our world. Bless us, dear God, that we may have hearts full of your peace. May we strive to be reconciled to You and to one another. Help us to always remember and live by the words that Jesus shared with his disciples when he taught them to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Amen.