

Eight Scripture Prayers to Bring Us Together



In place of anger and rage, we pray for Your love, which is patient, kind, not self-seeking or easily angered, love that rejoices with the truth, protecting, and trusting (1 Cor. 13:4-7). Lord, please fill us with Your kindness, compassion, and forgiveness (Ephesians 4:31, 32).

In place of deception, we pray for Your truth. Jesus, You *are* the truth that sets us free. Lord, *all* your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal (John 8:32; Ps. 119:160).

In place of division, we pray for unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace, as we share one hope, one faith, and one God (Eph. 4:1-6). We seek to unselfishly look to the interests of others, using our gifts for the common good (Phil. 2, 1 Cor. 12). May the Body of Christ be drawn together to pray together (Acts 2:42, 4:24).

In place of skepticism, and doubt, O God, we pray for faith in who You are: our Refuge, Savior, and King. We choose to walk by faith, not by sight. We put our hope in Your trustworthy word, which never passes away (2 Corinthians 5:7, Psalm 119:114, Matthew 24:35). We believe that all things are possible with God! (Mark 10:27).

In place of spirits of revenge, retaliation, and rebellion, we pray for reconciliation. Lord, we choose to trust in Your words, “‘Vengeance is mine,’ says the Lord, ‘I will repay’” (Romans 12:19). You tell us to strive to live in peace with all people, to overcome evil with good, to live in peace with all people, as much as we can (Romans 12:18,21). Please help us to be reconciled to You and to each other, as we pray together.

In place of pride, arrogance, and presumption, we pray for humility. Father God, You have told us that the one You esteem is the person who is humble and contrite in spirit (Isaiah 66:2).

In place of fear, we pray for Your peace, which comes from complete trust in You, giving us a steadfast mind (Isaiah 23:6). We choose to focus on You, Jesus, and Your peace. We will not let our hearts be troubled, because You have already overcome the world (John 14:1,27, 16:33).

In place of our own ideas, we choose to trust in Your complete, inerrant Holy word—our foundation, authority, and guidebook (Psalm 19:7-11). Your words will never pass away (Mark 13:31). Help us hear Your voice and obey it by the power of Your Holy Spirit. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer (Psalm 19:14). Compiled by JoAnne D. Jones, West Granby, CT