

Reconciliation, Chapter 1 – WE BELONG TO GOD

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

We share new life in Christ through Baptism. Through Baptism God shares divine life with us. Baptism marks us as belonging to Jesus the Good Shepherd.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

Each lesson will begin with a family ritual. These rituals are essential to the lesson. The rituals provide your family with a common prayer experience on which to reflect. The rest of the lesson builds upon your family's reflections.

- **Gathering**

Gather your family around a table on which there is a large bowl of water. Invite everyone to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin by praying the Sign of the Cross to remind us of our Baptism.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
You are with us as we gather in prayer.
Send the Holy Spirit to
Open our hearts to your word.
We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ.

- **Ritual**

Point out that you will call everyone by name and sign each person's forehead with water, saying the words:

“(Name), you belong to Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Everyone will respond “Amen” after each person has been called by name and signed with water.

Take the bowl of water. Carrying it in your left hand, walk to your child and anyone else who is present. Dip your right thumb into the water. Make the sign of the cross on each person's forehead, saying,

LEADER: (*Name*), you belong to Jesus Christ.
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.
- Open the child's book to pages 4 and 5. Ask your child to describe what is happening in the photographs.
- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 5.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 6 and 7. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Read the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story "The Lost Sheep" (Luke 15:4-6) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 6 of your child's Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us now listen to a story from the Bible.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say, Glory to you, Lord.*

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying, The gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 6 and 7. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the photographs on pages 8 and 9. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the picture.
- Point out the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 8 and 9. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."
- Emphasize that as the good shepherd in the Bible story knows and loves each of his sheep by name, God knows and loves each and every one of us.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 10. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.
- Read, discuss, and complete page 11. Choose one activity from “Sharing Together” that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child’s book and punch out the Scripture card “God Loves Us.” Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: Loving God, Creator and Father,
we belong to you.
You call us by name and bless us.
We thank you for the gift of water that
reminds us that you share your life and
love with us.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to help us live as children of God.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May the blessing of God
our Shepherd, be with us.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: May almighty God bless us,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

LEADER: Go in peace and tell others about God’s love.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reconciliation, Chapter 2 – WE FOLLOW JESUS

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

The Great Commandment is a summary and the heart of all of God's commandments.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

- **Gathering**

Holding a Bible in your hands at the level of your forehead, invite your family to follow you in procession around the inside or the outside of your home to a table. Place the Bible on the table and invite everyone to settle themselves and to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin by praying the Sign of the Cross to remind us of our Baptism.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
we gather around your word,
the Sacred Scriptures.
Send the Holy Spirit
to prepare our minds and hearts
to listen to your word.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Point out that you will call each one to reverence the Bible in their own way. Suggest that they might kiss the Bible, touch the Bible reverently, or bow before the Bible.

LEADER: *Hold the Bible in your hands and show reverence for God's word. Allow each person to reverence the Bible in their own way.*

ALL: *One at a time, each family member reverences the Bible.*

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.
- Open the child's book to pages 12 and 13. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the photographs.

- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 13.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 14 and 15. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Point out the “Faith Focus” question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story “The Great commandment” (Matthew 22:34-40) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 14 of your child’s Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and over our heart and ask the Holy Spirit to help us listen to the word of God.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say, Glory to you, Lord.*

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying, The gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 14 and 15. Pay special attention to “Together as a Family.”

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the photographs on pages 16 and 17. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the pictures. Summarize by pointing out the photograph that depicts the communal celebration of the sacrament and the photograph that depicts the individual rite of the celebration.
- Point out and read the “Faith Focus” question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 16 and 17. Pay special attention to “Together as a Family.”
- Explain that when we keep the Great Commandment, we are keeping the Ten Commandments as well. The sacrament of Reconciliation helps us live the Great Commandment.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 18. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.
- Read, discuss, and complete page 19. Choose one activity from “Sharing Together” that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child’s book and punch out the Scripture card “The Great Commandment.” Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
today we show our reverence for
your word, the Sacred Scriptures.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to help us remember and follow
your word every day.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May the Lord guide our hearts
in the way of his love and fill us
with Christ-like patience.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reconciliation, Chapter 3 – WE LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

The Holy Spirit helps us make good decisions and put them into action.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

- **Gathering**

Gather your family around a table on which you have placed your child's baptismal candle or a large white candle. Invite everyone to settle themselves and to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin by praying the Sign of the Cross to remind us of our Baptism.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God of goodness and mercy,
you send us the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit,
who is our teacher and helper.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Point out that after you light the candle that is on the table, you will ask everyone, one at a time, to name things that the Holy Spirit can do to help your family be lights in the world. For example, "Be kind to others" and "Listen respectfully to one another." After each statement everyone will answer, "Jesus is the Light of the World. Holy Spirit, help us be lights in the world."

LEADER: *Light the candle on the table, saying,*
Jesus is the Light of the World.
Ask each family member, one at a time,
to name something that the Holy Spirit can help
them do or say to be lights in the world.

FAMILY: *Family members, one at a time, name something that the Holy Spirit can help them do.*

ALL: *Everyone responds,*
Jesus is the Light of the World.
Holy Spirit, help us be lights in the world.

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.
- Open the child’s book to pages 20 and 21. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the photographs.
- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 21.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 22 and 23. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Point out the “Faith Focus” question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story “The Good Samaritan” (Luke 10:29-37) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 22 of your child’s Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and over our heart and ask the Holy Spirit to help us listen to the word of God.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say, Glory to you, Lord.*

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying, The gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 22 and 23. Pay special attention to “Together as a Family.”

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the photographs on pages 24 and 25. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the picture. Summarize by pointing out the priest and the child are sharing a scripture story about God’s love.
- Read the “Faith Focus” question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 24 and 25. Pay special attention to “Together as a Family.”
- Discuss the meaning of the word *responsibility*. Explain that we are responsible for the things we say or do. Responsible people do not blame others. Point out that when we admit and confess our sins, we are taking responsibility for our words and actions.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 18. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.

- Read, discuss, and complete page 19. Choose one activity from “Sharing Together” that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child’s book and punch out the Scripture card “The Great Commandment.” Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
today we show our reverence for
your word, the Sacred Scriptures.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to help us remember and follow
your word every day.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May the Lord guide our hearts
in the way of his love and fill us
with Christ-like patience.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reconciliation, Chapter 4 – WE ARE SORRY

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

The prayer of sorrow, or act of contrition, and penance express our decision and desire to heal the harm we have caused by our sin and to be reconciled with God and the Church.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

- **Gathering**

Gather your family around a table or in a circle. Invite everyone to settle themselves and to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin as we were baptized.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: Loving God,
you are our Father.
Help us know and trust your love for us.
Send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts
to your word.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Point out that you will pray the Our Father together, slightly extending your arms and holding the palms of your hands upward. This is a sign that you are opening your hearts to God's mercy and love.

LEADER: As a sign of our unity and that we are children of God, let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

ALL: *Slightly extending their arms and holding the palms of their hands upward, pray aloud,*
Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.
- Open the child's book to pages 28 and 29. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the photographs.
- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 29.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 30 and 31. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Point out the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story "Zacchaeus" (Luke 19:1-10) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 30 of your child's Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us make the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips, and over our heart and ask the Holy Spirit to help us listen to the word of God.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say,*
Glory to you, Lord.

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying,*
The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 30 and 31. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the photograph on pages 32 and 33. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the picture.
- Read the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 32 and 33. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."
- Explain that God always forgives our sins when we are truly sorry. Emphasize that doing our best to heal the harm caused by our sin is a very important part of true sorrow for sins.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 34. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.
- Read, discuss, and complete page 35. Choose one activity from “Sharing Together” that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child’s book and punch out the Scripture card “Zacchaeus.” Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
we gather today
to remember your great love for us.
Send us the Holy Spirit.
Help us both to forgive
and to seek forgiveness,
and to live as your children.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May God, our loving Father, fill us with his love.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May Jesus, the Son of God,
help us live as he taught Zacchaeus to live.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May the Holy Spirit give us the strength
to make up with people whom we have
hurt by our words or actions.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Go in peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reconciliation, Chapter 5 – WE ARE FORGIVEN

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

In the sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives our sins through the ministry of bishops and priests.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

- **Gathering**

Gather your family. Invite everyone to settle themselves and to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin as we were baptized by praying the Sign of the Cross.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, forgiving Father,
you sent your son, Jesus, to us,
to show us how much you love us.
Send us the Holy Spirit
to help us trust your forgiveness and grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Explain that you will come to each person, place your hands on the top of their head and pray for them. At the conclusion of the prayer, they are to respond, "Thanks be to God."

LEADER: *Placing your hands on the person's' head, say,*
(Name), remember that God always loves you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

LEADER: *After you have placed your hands on every family member's head, invite everyone to join you in praying the Our Father. Begin by saying,*
Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

ALL: Our Father...

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.

- Open the child's book to pages 36 and 37. Ask your child to describe what is happening in the photographs.
- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 37.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 38 and 39. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Point out the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story "The Forgiving Father" (Luke 15:11-32) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 38 of your child's Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us ask the Holy Spirit
to help us listen to the word of God.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say,*
Glory to you, Lord.

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying,*
The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 38 and 39. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the photograph on pages 40 and 41. Ask your child to describe what they see in the pictures.
- Read the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 40 and 41. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."
- Point out the word *absolution*. Explain that *absolution* is another word for forgiveness.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 42. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.
- Read, discuss, and complete page 43. Choose one activity from "Sharing Together" that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child's book and punch out the Scripture card "The Forgiving Father." Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our forgiving Father,
You always love us.
Send the Holy Spirit of forgiveness upon us.
Help us trust in your forgiving love.
Help us share your forgiving love with others.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
you have given us new life in Jesus.
Send us the Holy Spirit to make us
living signs of your love.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May God, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
help us live as Jesus taught.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May God fill our heart with kindness to
forgive others as he forgives us.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May almighty God bless us, the Father,
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Go in peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reconciliation, Chapter 6 – WE ARE PEACEMAKERS

What We Will Learn:

In your time together your family will deepen its understanding and living of the Church's faith. The faith theme of this lesson is:

The sacrament of Reconciliation makes us sharers in God's gift of peace and renews our calling to share that peace with others.

- **Preparation:** Read and reflect on the background essay.

Step One: Celebrate the Ritual

- **Gathering**

Gather your family in a circle. Invite everyone to settle themselves and to become aware of God's presence. After a moment of quiet, begin the celebration of the ritual.

LEADER: Let us begin as we were baptized.

ALL: *Making the sign of the cross, say,*
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
you sent us your Son, the Prince of Peace.
Help us know and share the peace that
the Holy Spirit brings us.
Open our hearts to your work that we may
learn to live as peacemakers.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Point out that we will pray together the prayer Jesus taught us and then share a sign of peace with one another.

LEADER: We are all children of God.
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

ALL: Our Father...

LEADER: Jesus shared the gift of his peace with
his disciples.
Let us share that gift of peace with
one another.

ALL: *Share a sign of peace.*

- Invite everyone to share what it was like to experience the family ritual. Be sure to affirm all responses.

- Open the child's book to pages 44 and 45. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the photographs.
- Read, discuss, and complete the rest of page 45.

Step Two: Share the Scripture Story

- Look at the illustration on pages 46 and 47. Ask your child to describe what they see happening in the illustration.
- Read the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as they listen to the Scripture story.

Proclaim or invite someone to proclaim the Scripture story "The Gift of Peace" (John 14:15-27 and 20:21) from your family Bible. An adapted version of the Scripture story can be found on page 46 of your child's Reconciliation book.

LEADER: Let us ask the Holy Spirit
to help us listen to the word of God.

READER: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

ALL: *Reverently make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and over their heart as they say,
Glory to you, Lord.*

READER: *Proclaim the Scripture. Conclude the reading, saying,
The gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

- Read, discuss, and complete pages 46 and 47. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."

Step Three: Discover the Faith of the Church

- Look at the picture on pages 48 and 49. Ask your child to describe what they see.
- Read the "Faith Focus" question. Ask your child to listen for the answer as you read these pages.
- Read, discuss, and complete pages 48 and 49. Pay special attention to "Together as a Family."
- You might like to look up and read the Beatitudes in your family Bible (Matthew 5:3-12). An explanation of the Beatitudes can be found on pages 68 and 69 of your child's *Reconciliation* book.

Step Four: Make a Difference

- Read, discuss, and complete page 50. Encourage everyone to share a faith choice.
- Read, discuss, and complete page 51. Choose one activity from "Sharing Together" that will help you live your faith as a family.
- Turn to the back of the child's book and punch out the Scripture card "The Gift of Peace." Talk about the card and where you can keep it to serve as a reminder of this lesson and your time together.

Step Five: Closing

Conclude your time together by using this prayer or one of your own choosing. Begin by blessing yourselves, saying,

ALL: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEADER: God, giver of peace,
you sent us Jesus, your Son,
who showed us how to live in peace with
you and with one another.
Send the Holy Spirit
to help us live as peacemakers.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: God, our loving Father,
you have given us new life in your Son,
Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Help us live as peacemakers and
be living signs of your love in the world.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May God, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
help us live as peacemakers.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: The Lord frees us from our sins.
Go and live in peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God.