

**Refrain: One with Jesus through the cross,
Reconciled to God's own might -
When we see with eyes of mercy
We are children of the light.**



Repent

One person reads: All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (*Ephesians 4: 31-32*)

Discuss: How can we encourage each other to pray to God for forgiveness when we need it?

In our family, what helps when we need to ask to be forgiven, and to be ready to forgive, to not bicker?

Pray the *Refrain*...

Believe the good news

One person reads: But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back." Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (*Luke 10:33-37*)



Discuss: What inspires me to be a compassionate helper?

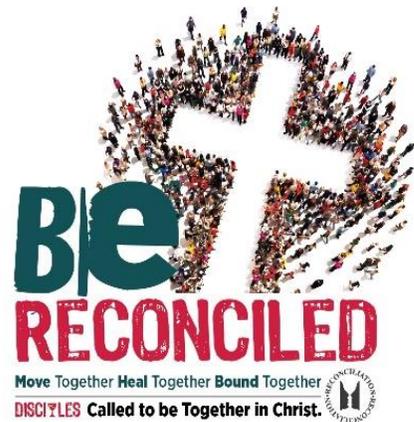
What inspires me to help at school, or work, or with neighbors?

Pray the Refrain...

Live the mission

One person reads: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ ... entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (*2 Corinthians 5:17-19*)

Discuss: There is lots of bad news we hear everyday day. How can I take what I learn from Jesus, and bring it so there are steps to peace and reconciliation in our community?



Write on a card and bring to St. John Church: What have we learned tonight I could share with others? What steps do we need to take for peace and reconciliation in our community?

Pray the Refrain...

What you write helps the parish council to Identify areas where reconciliation and unity are strong and areas where reconciliation is needed for each parish by December 1, 2016.