

March 2024

Reconciliation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>When we have been at odds with someone we care about, we may seek a path to restoration of that relationship. That restoration is similar to reconciliation in Christian theology. Since the Fall in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve rebelled against God, He has provided a means of reconciliation with mankind, first by animal sacrifice in the Old Testament, then by the atoning death of His own son Jesus Christ once for all. The Fall caused conflict between man and God. The sacrifice of Jesus provided a path to peace between man and God, atoned for our sins, and allayed God's</i></p>					<p>1 Once Enemies Romans 5:10</p> <p>II Chronicles 1</p>	<p>2 Be Reconciled II Corinthians 5:18-20</p> <p>II Chronicles 2</p>
<p>3 Making Peace Colossians 1:20-22</p> <p>II Chronicles 3</p>	<p>4 He Chose Us Ephesians 1:3-10</p> <p>II Chronicles 4</p>	<p>5 Peace with God Romans 5:1</p> <p>II Chronicles 5</p>	<p>6 Access to God Ephesians 2:15-18</p> <p>II Chronicles 6</p>	<p>7 God's Great Love John 3:16-17</p> <p>II Chronicles 7</p>	<p>8 Comfort to God's People Isaiah 61:1-4</p> <p>II Chronicles 8</p>	<p>9 Peace with God Ephesians 2:14-16</p> <p>II Chronicles 9</p>
<p>10 Christ Died for Us Romans 5:8</p> <p>II Chronicles 10</p>	<p>11 He Is Faithful I John 1:9</p> <p>II Chronicles 11</p>	<p>12 Brought Near Ephesians 2:13</p> <p>II Chronicles 12</p>	<p>13 We Are the Prodigal Luke 15:11-32</p> <p>II Chronicles 13</p>	<p>14 At Peace with All Hebrews 12:14</p> <p>II Chronicles 14</p>	<p>15 Love Each Other Proverbs 10:12</p> <p>II Chronicles 15</p>	<p>16 Be Kind Ephesians 4:29-32</p> <p>II Chronicles 16</p>
<p>17 Speak Truth Ephesians 4:25</p> <p>II Chronicles 17</p>	<p>18 Restore the Sinner Galatians 6:1-2</p> <p>II Chronicles 18</p>	<p>19 Do not Be Distressed Genesis 45:4-8</p> <p>II Chronicles 19</p>	<p>20 Golden Rule Matthew 7:12</p> <p>II Chronicles 20</p>	<p>21 The Mind of Christ Philippians 2:1-13</p> <p>II Chronicles 21</p>	<p>22 Be a Peacemaker Matthew 5:9</p> <p>II Chronicles 22</p>	<p>23 Love One Another John 13:34-35</p> <p>II Chronicles 23</p>
<p>24 A Brother Gained Matthew 18:15</p> <p>II Chronicles 24</p>	<p>25 Repay Good for Evil Romans 12:14-21</p> <p>II Chronicles 25</p>	<p>26 Forgive as He Forgives Mark 11:25</p> <p>II Chronicles 26</p>	<p>27 Endless Forgiveness Luke 17:3-4</p> <p>II Chronicles 27</p>	<p>28 Reconcile First Matthew 5:23-24</p> <p>II Chronicles 28</p>	<p>29 Forgive Luke 17:3</p> <p>II Chronicles 29</p>	<p>30 Forgive Colossians 3:13</p> <p>II Chronicles 30</p>
<p>31 Love One Another I Peter 4:8</p> <p>II Chronicles 31</p>	<p><i>wrath. In other words, our eternal souls would no longer be in danger of condemnation once we accepted God's gracious gift. In response to this gift we must seek reconciliation with those we have wronged or who have wronged us. In other cases we might seek to bring about the reconciliation of others. Theologian Philip Ryken put it this way: "It is part of the message of Salvation that brings us back together with God. ...God is the author, Christ is the agent, and we are the ambassadors of reconciliation."</i></p>					

For those of you just beginning to use the prayer calendar, please notice that each day's box has 2 functions. First, at the top, you will see a title in bold print that is the prayer topic for that day with its supporting Bible verse, one aspect of the greater theme for that month; second, at the bottom of the box there is listed one chapter of a book of the Bible. That last one is your Bible reading for the day – one step in your spiritual journey of reading through the entire Bible. You may participate in one or both functions as you are able and interested.

The Bible readings for March are from the book of II Chronicles. If you miss a day don't worry. Just pick up where you left off. If you are able later, read those parts you missed. Pray before reading the Bible and ask God to open your heart and mind to its meaning. If you can, read from a Study Bible. The NIV Study Bible is a very good one with lots of explanatory material, but there are also other good ones available. As God says in II Timothy, "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man [or woman] of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

Since this calendar has 2 functions mentioned above, it might be a good activity for your family to do together. Post the calendar on your refrigerator so everyone can see it. Discuss it at the dinner table.

Thoughts to ponder:

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

-Samuel Chadwick

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I am helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking or sleeping. It does not change God – it changes me.

-C.S. Lewis

Prayer should be our first resource, not our last resort.