



Praying as families for families who quarrel and are strife stricken.

Day 6

Isaiah 58:4 highlights Prophet Isaiah's declaration that their fasting often ends in quarrels and strife, warning that spiritual practices like fasting and prayer don't always address underlying ego and bitterness. Couples even within Christian households who actively participate in church activities, though outwardly live together harbor deep-seated resentment. It's disheartening to witness bitterness even among those in full-time Christian ministry, despite the clear biblical admonition in 1 John 4:20 that we cannot love an unseen God, without loving one's visible brothers and sisters.

Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:24 underscores the importance of reconciliation before offering gifts to God. He emphasizes resolving conflicts with others before approaching God with sacrifices. Through such teachings, Jesus reveals the heart of God and warns against spiritual blindness. Yet, within families, churches, and fellowships, there are often unresolved conflicts that lead to avoidance and estrangement. Are we guilty of similar sins?

It's imperative that we humbly reach out to reconcile with those who have unknowingly hurt us, setting aside past grievances to experience the freedom in Christ. God calls each of us to live in peace and reconciliation, mirroring His purpose in sending Jesus to bring peace between humans. If we fail to extend the forgiveness we've received through Christ's sacrifice to others, are we not belittling the work of Christ for us?

True forgiveness, experienced through Christ's sacrifice, requires us to extend the same forgiveness to others. Let us pray for God's love to fill our hearts, empowering us through the Holy Spirit to initiate reconciliation.



May families burdened by bitterness and severed communication find their hearts softened, becoming agents of peace in this world.

LET US PRAY

Merciful and loving God, we implore you on behalf of families and individuals deeply affected by discord and conflict within their households. Lord, we ask for your healing touch to mend these broken relationships and bring about reconciliation, which only your peace can bring. Guide our families who follow you to recognize the enemy's schemes behind these conflicts and prevent us from losing our joy and hope in you amidst these challenges. Grant us the grace to humble ourselves, seek forgiveness, and pursue reconciliation. May the Church of Christ serve as a beacon of love and peace in this troubled world through our actions of love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

