

Prayer June 2016

Just a few months ago while travelling through Rwanda, I got a glimpse of what forgiveness and reconciliation can do to a whole country and to people.

Just over 20 years ago this country was torn apart by genocide. Now I saw it been rebuild on love, forgiveness and reconciliation. Still the scars are visible: the ruins of the house of the sister of my friend from Tanzania or at the Genocide Memorial in Kigali, or in people`s hearts.

How is it possible that people from and in this country can love, forgive and reconcile again?

In the book "Left to tell" by I. Ilibagiza, a survivor of the genocide, describes how God sustained her during this time, while her whole family was murdered. How God gave her strength and love so she could pray the Lord`s Prayer again: "and forgive our sins, as WE FORGIVE those, who sin against us."

God filled her with so much love, that she could stand in front of the murderer of her family: "I forgive you." As she was asked about this, she answered: "Forgiveness is all I have to offer!"

Prayer from the book: I. Ilibagiza

I must thank God above all for being a wonderful father and savior. Thank you God for opening my heart and letting me love again. I am nothing without you and everything with you. I surrender to you. Lord, and let your will be done in my life. I continue to walk in your footsteps.

Forgiveness and reconciliation is what our world needs to survive!

Forgiveness and reconciliation is possible through love, as Jesus Christ has shown us.

A call to prayer

Healing Lord,
Open the hearts of those in conflict,
help them to receive your healing.
Merciful Lord,
May our human hearts never harden
to the suffering caused by the absence of peace,
help us to yearn for peace.
Almighty Lord,
Help us to see were we are avoiding reconciliation,
please, grant us opportunities and the will to change.

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