

# Reconciliation

"...Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Romans 5:11

## Reflection

According to the Macquarie Dictionary, the word reconciliation means, 'to bring into agreement or harmony, to make compatible; to win over to friendliness; to compose or settle a quarrel; to render no longer opposed to.' In Australia, we have Reconciliation Week, which is aimed at restoring a friendship between Indigenous Australians and those of European descent.

Prime Minister Rudd sees reconciliation in the nation's future. He's said, "A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and mutual responsibility. A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of this great country, Australia." He went on to say that "reconciliation is in fact an expression of a core value of our nation - and that value is a fair go for all" (SMH 13 Feb 2008).

We don't only need to be reconciled with each other, we also need to be reconciled to God. So does every person in every nation from all backgrounds. This is because we have all disobeyed God and have become his enemies. The good news, however, is that Jesus is the one who wins us over to friendship with God. He has paid the price for our sin, giving us the chance of a right relationship with Him.

## Prayer

*Thank you for the forgiveness you offer in Jesus. Help us trust in him to be friends with you. AMEN.*