

## Prayers on Dealing with Other People with True Charity

Lord Jesus Christ, You make the sun rise on the evil and on the good, and You send rain on the just and on the unjust. You love every person, even if they do not want to receive Your love. Help me to be loving even to people that I do not feel close to. Help me to treat everyone in the same way that I would like them to treat me, with kindness and justice. Amen.

Heavenly Father, teach me the truths of Your Word, so that I may have the understanding to see the evils in myself. Give me the wisdom and compassion to remove the plank from my own eye, before I offer advice and help to my brother on removing the speck from his eye. Amen. (see Matthew 7:3-5).

Lord, help me to live a life of true charity, to think kindly of other people and to wish them well. Help me also to look for the good in each person, for it is the good that I am to love, rather than any externals. Help me also remember that it is not angelic to judge the evils in a person, unless, at the same time, I search for what is good in him, for that is charity. Amen. (see *Arcana Coelestia* 2284:5, 4804, 10381).

O Lord God of mercy and love, You have given us Your new commandment, that we should love one another as You have loved us; we pray that You bestow on us a mind forgetful of ill will to our neighbor, a conscience free of evil thought or design, and a heart sincere in keeping Your commandments, that mutual love may prevail on earth, and Your heavenly kingdom be established to endure forever. Amen. (see John 13: 34; 15: 12)

Lord, teach us to judge ourselves and others only with righteous judgments, that is to judge from You alone and not from ourselves. Help us receive Your wisdom and mercy, so we may see both good and evil for what they are, and so choose the good. Amen.