**Novena for Peace and Reconcilation**

**Day 2 – August 2, 2016**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
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O Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

A reading from Matthew (5:43-48).

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**For Our Enemies**, *p. 815 of the BCP*.

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love  
our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth:  
deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in  
your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.