**Novena for Peace and Reconcilation**

**Day 5 – August 5, 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 (5:5-12).

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**For the Poor and Neglected**, *p. 826 of the BCP*.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you  
all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us  
to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick,  
and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those  
who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow  
into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for  
our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.