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A Prayer for the Other

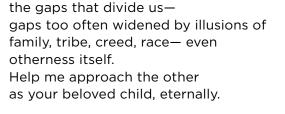
Loving God,

turn my eyes to the other, that I may see each as you see me with an innate dignity that transcends appearances, circumstances, class and all earthly status, which are temporary. Help me to see the other as your beloved child, eternally.

Turn my ears to the other, that I may hear their cries as you hear mine with compassion and tenderness that draw me closer in the midst of suffering. Help me to hear the other as your beloved child, eternally.

Turn my mind to the other, that I may come to understand them as you understand me struggling to find meaning and wholeness in a world that is fragmented, and your light in a world that's dimmed. Help me to understand the other as your beloved child, eternally.

Turn my feet to the other, that I may approach them across



Turn my hands to the other, that I may serve them as you serve me with a touch that cleanses, that heals, that feeds and that reassures. Help me to serve the other as your beloved child, eternally.

Turn my heart to the other, that I may love them as you love me steadfast, forgiving, ever-merciful, with patience, seeing my joy in theirs. Help me to love the other as your beloved child, eternally.

Loving God, turn my life to the other, that I may live in solidarity with them, and thus with you, forever.

Amen

