

PRAYER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

God our Father, God of Mercy, God of Forgiveness,

Open our hearts to the needs of our prisoners.
Help us recognize their longing for unconditional friendship.
Give us the courage to forgive them as you do and to help them
Successfully reintegrate into our communities.

God our Father, God of Patience, God of Wisdom,

Open our hearts to the workers and professionals
Who care for our brothers and sisters in prison.
Help us recognize the patience and wisdom they demonstrate
In their attempts to respect the human dignity of all inmates.
Help us to encourage and support them in their chosen vocation.

God our Father, God of Love, God of Compassion,

Open our hearts to the victims and families of our prisoners.
Help us recognize the wounds and pain they suffer.
Help us lend a hand so they may heal, forgive and grow in love.

This we ask you through Jesus Christ your Son
in unity with the Holy Spirit.
Amen