

Prejudice

Scripture Praise Focus: *“My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?” (James 2:1)*

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are such an awesome God! You made each one of us in Your marvelous image. Red and yellow, black and white, we are precious in Your sight. Each and every one of us is wonderfully and fearfully made. (Psalm 139:14) We know you have made each one of us unique as snowflakes. There are not any two people on earth who are exactly alike.

Teach us to love and respect one another in the same way that you love us and have respected us. Show us how to defer to others as more important than ourselves, that we might humble ourselves before people, especially those who are the poor and the disenfranchised among us.

Lord, we ask you today to create a new kind of community on campus, where students would be loving, gentle, respectful and kind to one another. We pray you would give each student a heightened sensitivity to any thoughts or feelings they may carry in their hearts of prejudice toward their fellow students.

Smite their hearts, Lord, with the power of Your Holy Spirit and show them that each and every person on earth is a product of Your handiwork. You have called us to love all people regardless of their looks or sexual preference or culture or religion.

We pray that you would remove prejudice from the campus and give the students an amazing sense of love and kindness toward one another. For students who have a hard time letting go of past hurts from a certain people group, we ask You to go before them and reveal to them their hidden prejudice.

In 1 Peter 4:8 your Word shows us we are, above all things, to have an intense and unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Your love gives us the power to forgive at all times and to disregard the offenses of others.

We know You, O Lord, are no respecter of persons. You do not show partiality. (Acts 10:34) And You have commanded us to love one another, even as You have loved us. (John 13:34)

Thank you Lord that You loved us and gave Your one and only begotten son for us while we were still at enmity with You. (John 3:16)

Teach us to love You by obeying You and serving You all the days of our lives.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen!

Song for meditation: I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me