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### Monday

**READ:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**REFLECT:** Paul admits that before Christ he viewed people by whether they were Jew or Gentile. After his conversion, Paul reveals that he now looks upon people with a spiritual perspective as believers or non-believers. This change in perspective allowed him to take part in the ministry of reconciliation. This is a ministry that allows people of different races to be reconciled to each other because they've been reconciled in Christ.

**RESPOND:** Has your perspective changed like Paul's? If you've been reconciled to God, how are you participating in the ministry of reconciliation?

### Tuesday

**READ:** 2 Chronicles 7:14

**REFLECT:** This well-known verse offers a universal promise for all peoples and countries who need healing. While the original audience was Israel, we know that God desires to heal. However, we have to repent and cry out for his healing.

**RESPOND:** Do you pray consistently for the healing of this country? How are you taking part in the healing of your neighborhood, city, state, and nation?

### Wednesday

**READ:** Revelation 7:9-10; Revelation 22:1-4

**REFLECT:** All nations, tribes, and tongues will one day march together into the new city of Jerusalem. While we do not know what this will look like or how it will occur, we do know that God will make all things new and provide healing for all people.

**RESPOND:** Do you hear about this kind of hope in the news or on social media? How can you pursue reconciliation with others based on what is to come?

### Thursday

**READ:** Psalm 146:7-10

**REFLECT:** God is the champion for the disenfranchised and oppressed. He is for the minority who is not like the majority. While all people must come to faith in Christ to be God's child, every person is still created in God's image. Because of this, God cares for them — and we should as well.

**RESPOND:** Do you speak up for the oppressed and powerless? How can you begin to do so over the next several days?

### Friday

**READ:** Matthew 6:10

**REFLECT:** While the kingdom of God has not yet begun, we can prepare for it now by making earth like heaven. Since God is worshiped in heaven, we can help make worshipers of him on this earth. Because we've been reconciled to God, we should desire to see others reconciled to God. As a result, we can all be reconciled with one another.

**RESPOND:** Is there one person you can think of that needs to be reconciled to God? Pray for this "one" and look for opportunities to share your faith and the gospel with them.