

# A PRAYER FOR TRUE COMMUNITY

God,

We need You. There is no other hope but You. We are trusting You afresh or maybe for the first time.

Jesus, You were enough for our sins. Thank You that You made a way for us to first be right with God and second to be right with each other.

Thank You that You dwell with us.

Thank You for giving us a purpose beyond ourselves.

Thank You that You have not forgotten us.

Thank You that You are preparing a place in heaven for us to be with You forever. But in the meantime, we want heaven to come to earth. We want Your kingdom to come to earth! And, God, You say that we are the ones to bring it! The Church carries the hope of Your kingdom to the world.

So, God, would You heal our broken relationships?

Would You help us to live this?

God, will You help me personally find deep community?

Help me make friends and keep them as I live out my commitment to You:

I will build my village and Your Church.

I will play my part.

I will be honest.

I will restore.

I will pull people close.

I will stay.

Your Word promises we can heal, we can forgive, we can overcome the divisions that threaten to destroy us. So may we be faithful to believe that and to fight for it.

God, give us a vision and a hope that is bigger than our human limitations. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.