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Forgiveness Evening of Recollection

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Assumption Parish, Morristown

Featuring Fr. Mariusz Koch of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Forgiveness Prayer

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Fr. Mariusz: Today, Lord, relying on Your loving guidance, we consider those who have hurt us. We ask for the grace to see them as You see them, and with the love You have for them. We ask for the grace to pray with a pure heart:

All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder family tensions, both those in the distant past and more recently, even today. We consider family members, including our nuclear family—our parents, siblings, and children, and also our grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews. We remember times we have been hurt by those we love the most.

Silence.

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, help us to forgive them. Please help us to pray from the depths of our hearts:

All: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder adults in our childhood whom we have given respect, particularly those adults who were authority figures, our teachers, elder relatives and friends of the family. We consider those who betrayed our trust and caused confusion, disappointment and pain, so very difficult to forget.

Silence

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, help us to forgive them. Please help us to pray from the depths of our hearts:

All: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder the searing pain of the betrayal of friends and loved ones.

Silence.

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, help us to forgive them. Please help us to pray from the depths of our hearts:

All: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder workplace tensions. We consider those who have treated us unjustly and unkindly.

Silence.

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, help us to forgive them. Please help us to pray from the depths of our hearts:

All: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder disappointment and pain we have experienced within the Church community.

Silence.

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, help us to forgive them. Please help us to pray from the depths of our hearts:

All: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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Fr. Mariusz: In silence, we ponder our own lives, all the times we have fallen, failing to keep our focus on our loving God. We consider how we have betrayed Christ, and have hurt our family, friends, co-workers, and even the most vulnerable amongst us who so needed our love. We remember that we have inflicted pain on others; we have added to their suffering, rather than helping them to live fully and joyfully.

Silence.

Fr. Mariusz: Lord, we are so very sorry. Please heal us; help us to take your outstretched hand, and to begin again with You. Please, Lord, help us to pray from the depths of our hearts for our own healing and transformation, and for the healing and transformation of all those we have hurt:

All: "Lord, have mercy."