Paul's Letter to Philemon

Opening Prayer

"Philemon, I thank God for your love and faithfulness."

Paul's Request

"Receive Onesimus back, no longer as a slave, but as a beloved brother in the Lord."

Reconciliation:

1. God was reconciling the world to himself not counting people's sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:19)

2. Koinonia: They are equal before God, sharing in the same need for forgiveness. "In God's new family, people are not Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, slave or free, but the Messiah is all and is in all," (Colossians 3:11)