

The kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgive you.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,
Father forgive.
The covetous desires of people
and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father forgive.
The greed which exploits the work of
human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father forgive.
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,
Father forgive.
The lust which dishonours the bodies
of men, women and children,
Father forgive.
The pride which leads us to trust
in ourselves and not in God,
Father forgive.

The Coventry Titany of Forgiveness

The Cathedral of St. Michael
Coventry, England

"On the night of 14 November 1940, the city of Coventry was devastated by bombs dropped by the Luftwaffe. The decision to rebuild the cathedral was taken the morning after its destruction. Rebuilding would not be an act of defiance, but rather a sign of faith, trust and hope for the future of the world. Shortly after the destruction, the cathedral stonemason noticed that two of the charred medieval roof timbers had fallen in the shape of a cross. He set them up in the ruins where they were later placed on an altar of rubble with the moving words *Father Forgive* inscribed on the Sanctuary wall. The new cathedral was consecrated on 25 May 1962. The ruins remain hallowed ground and together the two create one living Cathedral."

From the online history of Coventry Cathedral.

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