

Quotes on Reconciliation

1. If there is to be reconciliation, first there must be truth. Timothy B. Tyson
2. The repeated lies become history, but they don't necessarily become the truth. Colm McCann
3. Reconciliation without truth is nothing but a smokescreen. Nilantha Ilangamuwa
4. Reconciliation is a part of the healing process, but how can there be healing when the wounds are still being inflicted? Nora Keita Jemisin
5. True reconciliation does not consist in merely forgetting the past. Nelson Mandela
6. We shall prepare the coffee of reconciliation through the filter of justice. W. Scott Lineberry
7. In essence, we are reconciled to reconcile. Matt Chandler
8. We must not only speak about forgiveness and reconciliation, we must act upon these principles. Desmond Tutu
9. Reconciliation means bringing two cultures together: *maru munu piranpa tjun-jurin-ganyi*, black and white coming together. The two laws need to become one to keep the land. Nganyinytja
10. The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions. Nhat Hanh
11. Reconciliation means working together to correct the legacy of past injustice. Nelson Mandela
12. Reconciliation requires changes of heart and spirit, as well as social and economic change. It requires symbolic as well as practical action. Malcolm Fraser
13. Reconciliation is more beautiful than victory. Violeta Chamorro
14. Reconciliation was not an afterthought or an add-on of our struggle and eventual triumph. It was always imbedded in our struggle. Reconciliation was a means of struggle as much as it was the end goal of our struggle. – Nelson Mandela
15. How can there be any reconciliation in a country where this kind of inequality is acceptable? –Chief Erwin Redsky
16. I think reconciliation is about changing the structures that govern us and trying to influence opinion leaders in whatever way we can. – Jackie Huggins
17. "The first to forgive is the strongest." Unknown
18. The work of community, love, reconciliation, restoration is the work we cannot leave to politicians. This is the work we are all called to do. Shane Claiborne

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19. I think it is a good time to focus on peace, instead of fighting. Reconciliation and forgiveness, instead of division. Lorrie Sweet
20. "Moments of kindness and reconciliation are worth having, even if the parting has to come sooner or later."
— **Alice Munro**
21. "Through its creative power, art may trigger approximation, reconciliation and harmonization between individuals and peoples. Through art, beings can meet and exchange their points of view, as it rules out alienation, and arouses chemistry and understanding. By definition, art is universal and helps to cross borders and barriers without prejudice."
— **Erik Pevernagie**
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24. Instead of hatred and revenge, we choose reconciliation and nation building. Nelson Mandela