

## - reflection

to humanity. | Irenaeus

Although it is required for us to have an intermediary, a mediator, between God and man, we must remember that it is God Himself who becomes the mediator. Jesus, of the same being as the Father, and as the Spirit, steps between us both to bring together into wholeness God and man. But this is not the work of a lower god, or a more merciful one. No, it is precisely the Father in perfect unity with the Son and Spirit, who take on the work of reconciliation and salvation. Even though we have Jesus as our intermediary, we must not think that this is some negotiation with the Father, but instead it is perfectly the will of the Father that Jesus might be our mediator.

both to friendship and concord, and present humanity to God, while He revealed God

## - prayer of confession and thanksziving

O Almighty and merciful Father, you pour your benefits upon us — forgive the unthankfulness with which we have requited your goodness. We have remained before you with dead and senseless hearts, unkindled with love of your gentle and enduring goodness. Turn us, O merciful Father, and so shall we be turned. Make us with our whole heart to hunger and thirst after you, and with all our longing to desire you.

Amen. | Anselm