

THE ABIDER

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God desires every believer to abide in Christ. And when we pray, we are abiding. Yes, we get better at prayer when we engage in it regularly. As we continue with The Abider teaching series and examine The Lord's Prayer, we're learning to **follow God's design for an intimate and flourishing prayer life.**

UNDER THE UMBRELLA

In Matthew 6:10 Jesus tells us to pray, **"Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."** We've learned that this aspect of prayer serves as an **umbrella** under which all of our prayers should come. Receiving daily bread is a resource of the Kingdom and the will of the Father (Mt.6:11). Verse 12 says,

"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

If the alignment of His will with our prayers holds true, then **forgiveness** is another significant benefit of the Kingdom. Paying close attention, as Abiders, we notice that Jesus doesn't instruct us to simply pray for forgiveness.

We are to pray for forgiveness in accordance with our own demonstration of forgiveness to others, "as we also have forgiven..."

MIDWEEK
Celebration

BEGINS WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 8TH 6:30PM



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ADULTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

CHECK YOURSELF

This prayer should cause us to pause and ask, **"Have I forgiven my debtors?"** If the answer is no, then our prayer should proceed by asking for more of God's heart, filled with compassion and **mercy** toward those who have sinned against us. Matthew 6:14-15 states, **"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."**

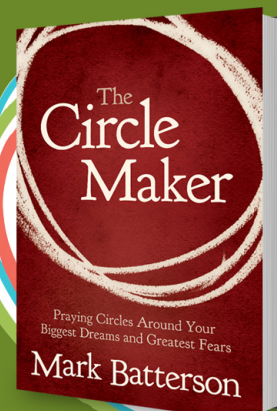
Forgiveness is in the Kingdom ("Your kingdom come"). Forgiveness is the Father's will ("Your will be done"). Forgiveness should be **active** in the life of every abiding follower of Christ. Not only because we have

received it, but also because we give it willingly and freely to others. Like prayer, **forgiveness shouldn't be viewed as a burden**, but one of the most direct ways in which we as Abiders have an opportunity to demonstrate God's love and mercy to others as He has given us.

NOTES:

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**BOOK AND
STUDY GUIDE**



BOTH AVAILABLE TODAY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
COST: BOOK \$12 / STUDY GUIDE \$10

FACTORPOINT PRAYERS

Monday:

Father I ask You today to give me a heart after Your heart. Help me Lord to see others as You see them and to give mercy as You have also given to me (Luke 6:36). Thank You for grace to keep my mind and heart covered by Your peace in the midst of every challenge I face. (Philippians 4:7). You O Lord, are my peace and my security. I give You praise for who You are and Your unfailing love. I pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday:

Lord I thank you for continually softening my heart and giving me discernment in every situation (Ezekiel 36:26). Help me to see the opportunities before me to bring You glory as I bear fruit (John 15:8). I pray that my heart would not be hardened by mistreatment or rejection. For You Lord have embraced me, forgiven me, restored me and You call me Your friend (John 15:14-15). I pray these things in Jesus name. Amen.

Wednesday:

Lord Jesus, as I abide in You today give me the courage and grace I need to examine my heart and relationships. Expose any unforgiveness in my life and help me release others and myself from bondage (Psalm 139:23-24). Remove all stubbornness and arrogance my heart and help me to walk in humility before You (James 4:6). Lead me to show forgiveness wherever needed and to take joy in the cross of Christ. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Thursday:

Father I thank You for the transformation that is taking place in my soul as I continually abide in You. I give You praise for the power of Your Word and Your Spirit working in me and renewing my mind (Romans 12:2). I declare today that I am NOT who I used to be, but I am a new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). As I abide in You, I submit to Your pruning and seek to bear fruit that brings You glory (John 15:2). In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Friday:

Lord I ask today that the joy of the Lord to be my strength (Nehemiah 8:10). Fill me with Your joy as I abide in You and let my joy be made full (John 15:11). Make me to know the joy of living a life surrendered to Your will. By Your grace I will count it ALL JOY when I go through various tests and trials (James 1:2). I ask today for YOUR JOY, everlasting joy that is only found in Your Kingdom (Isaiah 35:10). I give You praise for this in Jesus name. Amen.

Saturday:

Lord I pray today for my family, community, city and church to filled with Your love and compassion (John 15:12). Help us all to learn to forgive one another as You Lord have forgiven those who believe. I pray for a great move of Your Spirit to bring repentance and revival to the Body of Christ and to heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14). Open the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope that we have in You and fulfill it (Ephesians 1:18). I give You praise and thanks for these things in Jesus' name. Amen.



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT TEACHING ON THE ABIDER AND RECEIVE THE PRAYER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK.

WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK

**WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL
THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER**

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