Father, Forgive Them (Luke 23:34)	4/14/2019	God never lowers His standard of to the level of our
The Forgiving Savior		·
The first words our Lord spoke while hanging from the cross we for His enemies.	ere words of	If we not know the gravity of our sin, it was because we not know.
In this first cry from the cross, Jesus called God "		
This prayer of forgiveness was a fulfillment of	that He would	Spurgeon says that we should pray, "And forgive us, also, because in some things we did know; in all things we might have known; but we were ignorant want of thought, which thought was a solemn duty which we ought to have rendered to God."
Neither the of the past several hours, nor the	ne of	If responsibility is based on, those who are born in our tir
the present, could prevent him from continuing in		will experience much condemnation than those who have heard.
The Lords' prayer for forgiveness was ov	ver and over as	
His persecutors were carrying out their sentence	ce.	
		Was Jesus' Prayer Answered?
		Jesus was praying that His own death would be for those
He prayed, not His wounds had healed, but	they	for whom it was
were yet open.		Some examples of those forgiven:
On the cross we see the of a Man who had	the power to	
On the cross we see the of a Man who had the power to but chose instead to		The prayer was not for those who did not to be forgiven, but for
		those who would it through the wooing of the Holy Spirit.
The Sinners in Need of Forgiveness		
All of these people were not ignorant of the of th	eir guilt, but they	If you are ever tempted to think that God takes lightly, look at
were ignorant of the of their crime.		·
The Old Testament distinguishes sins of, that is, sinning with a clenched fist.	_ from sins of	Christ's prayer on the cross was altogether an one.
		Nothing is sought for these people but that which concerns their
Even sins of need forgiveness.		"Father, forgive them."