

# Forgiveness

5 “Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward! 6 But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 When you pray, don’t babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they’ll be heard for their many words. 8 Don’t be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.

**Matthew 6:5-15**

## *The Model Prayer*

9 “Therefore, you should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom, come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.] Amen.

14 “For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. 15 But if you don’t forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.

## **Hallowed be thy name.**

Leviticus 22:2 - Deuteronomy 28:58 - Isaiah 29:23 - Isaiah 57:15 - Ezekiel 36:22-23 - Daniel 2:20

## **Thy Kingdom, come.**

“**Kingdom**” implies a King and His subjects

Daniel 2:44 - 1 Corinthians 4:20 - John 18:36

## **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ان شاء الله**

Psalm 40:8

Genesis 1:23-28 - God’s original design: i.e. To establish God’s covenant on the earth; to make that which is a reality in the eternal realm a present reality in the temporal realm.

## **Give us this day our daily bread.**

- Ezekiel 34:14 - John 6:51

**Forgive us our debts.** - Psalm 103:3 - Psalm 130:4 - Acts 5:31 - Acts 13:38 - Ephesians 1:7 - 1 John 1:9

**Forgive**, v. 1. To grant pardon for or remission of an offense, debt; absolve. 2. To give up all claim on account of; remit a debt or obligation. 3. To grant pardon to a person. 4. To cease to feel resentment against. 5. To cancel an indebtedness or liability. 6. No longer hold a transgressor accountable.

Not a cheap forgiveness (“It’s OK” or “Don’t worry about it”).

Even while on the cross, Jesus had a full understanding of our transgressions, and paid the price for each one and all of them at once.

Isaiah 43:25 - Isaiah 44:22 - Isaiah 55: 7 - Micah 7:18

**Forgive...our debts as we forgive our debtors.** - Matthew 6:14  
Ephesians 2:8-10 - Mark 11:25 - Luke 17:4 - Ephesians 4:32  
Colossians 3:13 - Genesis 45:15 - John 17:11

- Because we are all members of one Body, we are members of one another.
- The aim of forgiveness is reconciliation. Christ has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Co 5:18).
- But as you might expect, reconciliation is a two-way street.
- If you are the offended party, your responsibility is to take the first step. (Matthew 18:15).
- If you are the offender, again, your responsibility is to take the initiative. (Matthew 5:23-24).
- **Biblically, it is always your move.**

Consequences of Unforgiveness:

- Stuck in the past.
- Submerged in pain and anger.
- Obsessed with one’s grievance.
- Creates an unnatural and unholy bond with the offender.

Wage war on the Devil by responding to an offense in the opposite spirit: Forgive! Unilaterally if need be. When two people in conflict, each engage in unilateral forgiveness, reconciliation is inevitable.

**Lead us not into temptation...deliver us from evil.** 1 Co10:13

**Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen.**