

When You Hear Forgive Devotional

Key Scripture:

2 Chronicles 6:21

'Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.'

Reflection:

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple centers on a heartfelt plea: that God would hear His people's prayers and forgive them when they confess and repent. This prayer reminds us that God's heart is always open to those who come honestly, seeking mercy. Like a loving parent who forgives and welcomes a wayward child, God's grace is greater than our failures. Confession and repentance are not just about clearing our record—they are about restoring our relationship with God and experiencing the peace that comes from His unending mercy. As 1 John 1:9 assures us, 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

Questions for Personal Application:

1. Reflect on a time when you felt distant from God. How did confession and repentance affect your relationship with Him?
2. Are there areas in your life where you need to experience God's forgiveness? What steps can you take to seek reconciliation with Him today?
3. How can you extend the same grace and forgiveness you receive from God to others in your life?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I come before You with an open heart, confessing my sins to You. I acknowledge where I have fallen short of Your will and ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your unfailing love and the promise that when I confess, You are faithful and just to forgive and cleanse me. Help me to turn away from my sin, to walk in Your light, and to extend Your grace to others. Draw me closer to You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.