

**Famous Last Words**  
**Father, Forgive Them**  
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*“Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.” Luke 23:32-33*

*“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34*

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PRAYER

1. Jesus Fulfilled **Prophecy**

*“he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12*

2. Jesus Modeled the **Importance** of Prayer

*“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name” Matthew 6:9*

3. Jesus Revealed Man’s Greatest **Need**

*“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:28*

*That ignorance does not equal **innocence***

*“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” Matthew 9:6*

WHEN SOMEONE HURTS YOU, PRAY!

1. Pray for those who **hurt** you

*“bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:28*

*My prayer for others may or may not change **them**, but it always changes **me***

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” Matthew 5:43-44*

2. Pray for **restoration**

*“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Romans 12:17-18*

*“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13*

### WHY IS FORGIVING OTHERS SO IMPORTANT?

*“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15*

*“Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” Romans 8:34*