

Praying Jesus' Way
Part IV; August 30, 2026

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” – Matthew 6:12 (NIV)

“The Keys to Your Prison Are in Your Hand”

We are all _____ in need of God's _____.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

– 1 John 1:8 (NLT)

**God's forgiveness is a _____,
but it must be _____.**

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

– 1 John 1:9 (NLT)

God's grace is _____ than our _____.

The more we see our sinfulness, the more we see God's abounding grace forgiving us.

– Romans 5:20 (TLB)

**We are to be as forgiving with _____
as God has been with _____.**

Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

– Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

The grace of forgiveness is to care more about a person than what they have done.

**To refuse to embrace God's forgiveness
is to be a prisoner of your past.**

**To refuse to forgive others
is to be a prisoner of pride and pettiness.**

For individual/family reflection:

How is not accepting God's forgiveness or forgiving ourselves like a “prison”?

If God is so willing to forgive us, then why do we sometimes have a hard time forgiving ourselves?

Why do you think that our forgiving others is so important to God?

Why is praying regularly for forgiveness and forgiving others so important?

Write or say a prayer thanking God for His forgiveness.