

Luke 19:41-42

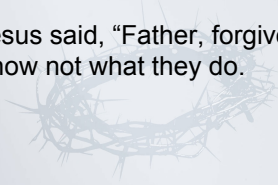
And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

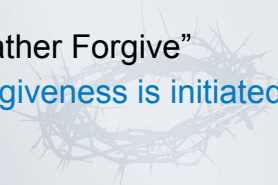
Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."



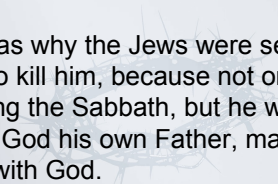
1. "Father Forgive"

Forgiveness is initiated vertically



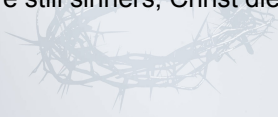
John 5:18

This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.



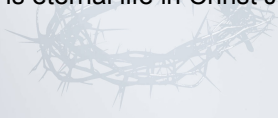
Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



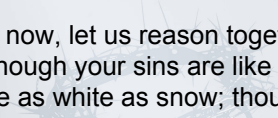
Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



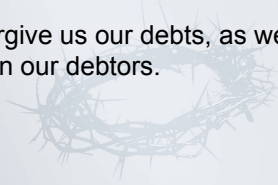
Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.



Matthew 6:12

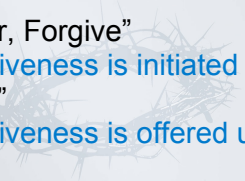
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.



Vertical Forgiveness

Forgiveness is initiated vertically because only God has the power to truly forgive and only He can give us the strength to forgive others. Humans are wired to want justice which is why we struggle to forgive others. Only God can satisfy that desire for justice and, at the same time, give us the ability to forgive offenses.

1. "Father, Forgive"
 Forgiveness is initiated vertically
2. "Them"
 Forgiveness is offered universally



Romans 3:23-26 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Psalms 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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3. "For they know not what they do"

Forgiveness is for those blind spiritually

2 Corinthians 4:4

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

John 3:3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Prayer to Open Blind Eyes

Father, I meet with You today on behalf of _____ . I know You want to save him. I ask You to lift the veil from his eyes, that he might see Christ clearly. Please break all deception caused by the false beliefs Satan and circumstances have created. I ask You to thwart every scheme of satan and every thought he plants in _____'s mind to deceive him. May he free to believe in you. Amen

