



# 28 days of prayer

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**Series:** 28 Days of Prayer

**Passages:** Matthew 6:9-13

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**Isaiah 50:4**

The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning. He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

**Matthew 6:12**

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

**Matthew 6:14-15**

For if we forgive others for their transgressions, Father you then will forgive us. And God help us because if we do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive our transgressions.

**Augustine**

**“If you pray these words while harboring an unforgiving spirit, you are actually asking God not to forgive you.”**

**Forgiven People Forgive People**

**We have to constantly remind ourselves that before salvation we are all hell raisers.**

**Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Romans 3:24**

Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 6:23**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (hamartia) (We have fallen short of what God desired)

**Ephesians 1:7**

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (parapatoma) (Violate a rule God has established)

**Ephesians 1:13**

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise.

**Ephesians 1:14**

Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Matthew 6:14-15**

For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

**The unforgiveness spoken of here cannot steal our salvation but it will steal the joy of our salvation.**

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**Matthew 18:21**

Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

**Why is forgiveness so difficult?**

**1. Because we fail to take responsibility when a wrong has been committed.**

**Ephesians 4:26-27**

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

**2. Because it is easier to sever a relationship than it is to restore it.**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

**Ephesians 4:31–32**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**3. Because we tend to allow unforgiveness to turn into bitterness and justification.****Hebrews 12:15**

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many will be defiled.

**4. Because we believe that forgiveness means forget.****James 5:16**

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

**5. Because we rationalize that it is too late to forgive and that it will do no good.****Colossians 3:13**

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

**6. Because we think unforgiveness affects only us.****2 Corinthians 2:10**

But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

**2 Corinthians 2:11**

So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

**“Unforgiveness is the poison you drink hoping someone else dies.”**

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