



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Reflect Your Father's Forgiving Nature

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"Forgive us for our sins, because we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us." (Luke 11:4)

Introduction: One of many things we need to pray about is forgiveness. We need to pray for our own forgiveness, but also our desire to forgive others. Jesus gives us the challenge of becoming more forgiving like our Heavenly Father. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. We Need Forgiveness

- A. God does not encourage trespassing (**Matthew 6:12, Romans 5:15-20**).
- B. God demands payment for our debt of sin (**Luke 7:39, Romans 6:10**).
- C. God has the ability to do what must be done (**I Corinthians 6:20, 7:23, John 3:16**).
- D. God has a desire to save every human being (**II Peter 3:9, Acts 2:38, I John 1:9**).
- E. God can forgive all of our sins (**Romans 12:1-2, Acts 5:31**).

II. We Need To Forgive Others

- A. Forgiveness is easier to receive than to give.
- **Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, Hebrews 10:17**
- B. Forgiveness is unnatural, unfair, and illogical.
- **Luke 17:1-4, Matthew 18:22**
- C. Forgiveness breaks down barriers.
- **Genesis 50:14-21, Matthew 6:14-15**
- D. Forgiveness is a sign of God's presence in our life.
- **Deuteronomy 32:35, Micah 7:18-19**
- E. Forgiveness can be a powerful weapon for making peace.
- **Matthew 5:9, Colossians 3:12-13**

III. Prayer 101 = Back To The Basics

- A. Keep the right attitude.
- **Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27, Luke 6:35, Luke 23:34**
- B. Keep the right perspective.
- **Matthew 6:12, Luke 11:4, James 4:8**

Conclusion: We need to reflect the Father in this world. It's time to get forgiveness and give forgiveness. Are you ready to walk with God? Are you ready to look like Your Father?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Prayer"