

God's Blueprint for Prayer: God Forgives...Do You?

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Matt 6:9-13

9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Forgive because...

1. GOD FORGIVES US

Eph 4:31-32

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 3:23-24

²³... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Forgive because...

2. GOD'S LOVE COMPELS US TO

Matthew 6:14-15

¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Mark 11:25

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Forgive because...

3. FORGIVENESS SETS US FREE

"To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." Lewis B. Smedes

Luke 23:34

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

Matt 6:12

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

3 QUESTIONS :

- Who do you need to forgive? _____
- Who wins if you forgive? _____
- Who loses if you don't? _____