



The Oxygen of the Kingdom

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"This then, is how you should pray. " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heave. Give us today our daily. And forgive as our debts, as we also forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil one.' For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive other their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

What forgiveness is not:

- Forgiveness isn't forgetting what happened.
- Forgiveness isn't minimizing the seriousness of the offense.
- Forgiveness doesn't require you to restore trust and the relationship.
- Forgiveness isn't conditional.
- Forgiveness doesn't require the other person to ask for it before you give it.

Forgiveness is: Cancelling a debt. Releasing a person from my judgement. It is an action and a process.

Why is forgiveness necessary for true identity and true community?

- ◆ Forgiveness is the nature of God.
 - Genesis 3 - God forgave and covered man's sin.
 - Exodus 12 - God provided a covering to save people from judgment.
 - The Gospels - God provided His perfect Son to die on the cross.
 - Revelation - The Loin and the Lamb has redeemed those He has forgiven.
- ◆ Forgiveness is necessary for you to live in your true identity.
 - We exchange the false identity for the true.
 - We exchange anger for peace.
 - We exchange offense for unity.
 - We exchange estrangement for intimacy.
 - We exchange death for life.
- ◆ People living in their true identity form true community.
 - Forgiving people consider others before themselves.
 - Forgiving people are not easily offended.
 - Forgiving people are patient and kind.
 - Forgiving people are not judgmental.
 - Forgiving people are merciful.
 - For giving people are not afraid.

God, in the name of Jesus, I release _____ in forgiveness for committing the sin of _____ against me. [Visualize the cross and focus on giving that person to Jesus on the cross, making it obedient to the cross.]

2 Corinthians 10:4-5. Focus on their sin against you being cut away from you, the effects of it being cancelled. In the name of Jesus, I ask that you would bless _____ and restore my heart, soul, mind and spirit regarding him/her.



PRAISE & PRAYER

Praise Reports

- Lilian Chung, Praise Jesus for His faithfulness.
- Keith Garner Jr., Please pray for my family and friends health and wellbeing.
- Vann Ky, Praise God that we can boldly come before His throne anytime.
- Phoebe & Manny Song, The Lord is always there to lead the way but He doesn't always follow our schedules. He has his own schedule which is sometimes surprising and always better.
- Bobbie Wendschlag, Us christians are rejoicing today!!! Thank you Jesus... You changed everything!!
- Carlos & Sheila Zuniga, Thank you Jesus for continually blessing our family.
- LeeAnn Thompson, Thank you to all who have been holding us up in prayer. My dad passed on Wednesday with my mom and myself at his side. He's no longer suffering but is now celebrating with His Savior.

Prayer

- Mike Bailey, I would like to ask the church to please keep me in their prayers. Just really going through some battles right now. Thank you.
- Lilian Chung, prayers to those who feel alone in this season. We pray to our Father that they feel Your love. Prayers for continual healing for Pam's eyes.
- Celia Gonzales, my husband is having eye surgery on April 5, please pray all goes well. Thank you.
- Vann Ky, please pray that God guides my brother and encounters Him with His unconditional love. He is experiencing much pressure and stress, and is seeking the meaning of life. I pray he finds Jesus.
- David, Perry, Nathaniel & Megumi Pugel, prayer for Noli's health, healing for his body and wisdom for doctors to figure out what is causing him pain.
- Miriam Santiago, please pray for our place of work that God will intervene so that the proposed strike on Thursday will be aborted. Thank you and God bless!
- Phoebe & Manny Song, Ian and Luke feel better and stay away from illness. Bless Manny's parents as they will come to the Bay Area for a week next week.
- Robin & Don Zonic, for our friend David, whose partner just died. He is heartbroken and doesn't know the Lord.



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