



## THE JESUS WAY TO PRAY FOR PARDON

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*“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”* MATTHEW 6:12 ESV

Depending on your church background, you might say “forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_” or “forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_” when you recite the Lord’s Prayer.

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.* COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

### **A Gospel Prayer: “And Forgive Us Our Debts”**

\_\_\_\_\_ lay at the heart of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*“Take heart, my son, your sins are forgiven.”* MATTHEW 9:2 ESV

*“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”* MATTHEW 26:28 ESV

*We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* COLOSSIANS 1:14 ESV

SEE ALSO PSALM 103:12; ISAIAH 43:25; HEBREWS 8:12, 10:17

Why must we continue to pray “forgive us our debts” when Jesus has already forgiven us?

## **A Gracious Prayer: “As We Forgive Our Debtors”**

\_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* MATTHEW 6:14-15 ESV

An unforgiving spirit is inconsistent with the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.’”* MATTHEW 18:32-35 ESV

1. Forgiveness is an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Forgiveness does not mean there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Forgiveness is the key to a long, healthy \_\_\_\_\_.

EPHESIANS 4:32