

**Read It**

Read Matthew 5:43 – 48 and 6:9-15.

**Open It**

When did you first experience the forgiveness of sin?

**Consider It**

What should our attitude be toward those who sinned against us (5:43-45, 6:12)?

What's dangerous about asking (literally, commanding) God to forgive us, just as we forgive others?

How do we normally respond to people who sin against us?

What sins or offenses by others do we find especially difficult to forgive?

Why is it critical for us to forgive those who wrong us (6:14-15)?

How does unforgiveness harm you?

How does unforgiveness harm those who follow your example or take up your offense?

What other Bible passages inform the topic of forgiveness?

**Live It**

Make a List of the Wrongs Others Have Done to You.

Follow the Next Steps in Forgiving these offenses.

**Dangerous Prayers: Don't Pray It Safe**

The Forgive Me Prayer

Matthew 6:12-15

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*Forgive the sins we have done, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us. And do not cause us to be tested; but save us from the Evil one. [The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.] Yes, if you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong. But if you don't forgive the wrongs of others, then your Father in heaven will not forgive the wrong things you do.*

Matthew 6:12-15 (ICB)

**Sermon Proposition**

Don't Pray It Safe! Pray, "Forgive the sins we have done, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us."

There are Four Reasons you need to pray the Forgive Me Prayer!

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## **Next Steps (for Individuals, Couples and Families):**

Work through this exercise personally. Parents come alongside your children, model these steps and help them follow you in forgiving those who have done wrong to them.

Who has sinned [done wrong] against you?

What wrong did they do?

How did they hurt you?

Pray together:

Heavenly Father, We thank You for Your love and patience toward us. We have experienced forgiveness because Your kindness has led us to repentance. We confess that we have not shown the same patience and kindness toward those who done wrong to us. Today we ask that you forgive us as we forgive those who have done wrong to us.

Pray the following for each person or remembered offense.

I forgive [name] for [the wrong done against me]. I give you the [hurt you feel] I feel and ask you to remove the pain and heal my wounded heart. Bless [name], may your kindness lead them to repentance so that they might know you and enjoy you forever. In Jesus name, Amen.

Stuck? Seek help. Reach out to Pastor Tom or Carol Aubrey.  
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