

Prayer Diagram VIII Forgiving others' sins part I notes

**Matthew 6:9-13**

--Why do we pray? Because we need help or others need help. Correct?

--Jesus is bringing us help in this model prayer.

**1. The best thing for us is to realize its "us" and not just "me."**

--We need to know who we are—We have to be together.

--We are a Body.

--No such thing as a Christian Lone Ranger—a sheep by itself is a dead sheep.

--This will help you to think and live right.

**2. Secondly, you need to realize who you are speaking to.**

--Father; not just almighty, judge, creator--The demons can call Him that. --You are coming right to the throne of the One who has paid dearly for you to call Him Father.

--This will help you.

**3. Third: hallowing or glorifying His name first and foremost.**

--Why is that important? He's just trying to help us.

**4. Next His kingdom and will.**

--"But I have some things that really are urgent."

--Not as urgent as His kingdom and His will.

--Jesus says the best thing for all involved is that His kingdom and will are our first and primary pursuits.

**5. Then I get to present my needs but that starts with humbly confessing that every bite comes from Him.**

--Also, even though I'm forgiven in Christ I still ask forgiveness every day because I tend to forget and become confused about the fact that I live off of forgiveness every day.

These requests are humbling and a humble me is by far the best me.

--Why things are the way they are in our lives is partly because we think too much of ourselves and want others to do the same.

--"Look at my car, look at my clothes, look at my house, look at my position" –asking for the bread you eat and yours sins to be forgiven—is Jesus' way of saying "STOP IT!"

--Best for others. Do you want to help people? Humble yourself. Quit looking for respect, for recognition, for praise.

**6. Do you want to help others? Forgive people who hurt you.**

**Do you want to help yourself? Forgive those who sin against you**

Who do we forgive? Everyone! **Luke 11:4**

What does that forgiveness look like? Just like the Lord's forgiveness --Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you: Colossians 3:13

--Does the Lord bring up stuff about your past? Then don't with those who have sinned against you.

--Did God wait until you asked for Jesus and recognize your sin before He sent Him? Then, don't wait until others ask to be forgiven before you forgive.

--Does the Lord hold a grudge against you? Then don't with anyone who has sinned against you.

--Does the Lord delight when you suffer the consequences of your sins? Then don't with anyone who has sinned against you.

--One of the best ways to know you've forgiven someone is when, like the Lord, you hurt when they hurt even for consequences of sins against you.

--Does the Lord speak to anybody else about what you've done to Him? (Does the Lord speak of your sins on social media?) Then, don't with anyone who has sinned against you.

--Did the Lord pay for your sins Himself and not ask anything from you in return? Then do pay for the sins of those who sin against you and don't ask for anything in return.

### **Biblical Forgiveness is paying for someone else's sins.**

#### **7. Forgiveness in Jesus' model prayer is the only request with a caveat.**

--**VV. 12; 14-15**

--Does this mean we lose our salvation? *Of course not!* God declared you judicially righteous in Christ the moment you accepted Him as Savior.

--**II Timothy 1:9** – He has always known that you'd be His and has always planned to save you—nothing can stop His good intentions toward you.

You don't lose your salvation but you can sure lose its temporary benefits.

--God's forgiveness or the lack thereof doesn't affect **your standing** but it does affect **your fellowship** with Him.

--Put plainly: you will be out fellowship with God if you don't forgive others.

You will remain permanently saved but you will be temporarily miserable.

--God will see to this: **Matthew 18:34-35**

--You may think that that isn't that big of a deal, but you stand to lose a lot.

--You won't lose your salvation but you will lose your assurance, your peace, your usefulness, your testimony.

--You'll be putting yourself in the position to be disciplined by the Lord.

--Do not expect Him to let up and bring these pleasures of His fellowship back into your life if you plan to continue to not forgive.

Sin in general short-circuits God's blessings in our lives, but this one sin keeps all the others from being forgiven—its special and so Jesus gives it special attention.

--Since forgiveness is the greatest thing that God has done for us, He puts a premium on it when it comes to others: If we don't forgive, we will not be forgiven.

Vengeance has been elevated to a virtue in our culture—people make heroes out of the vindictive and vengeful—heroes of our movie world—

--Our country and culture are drowning in a sea of unforgiveness: [shattered marriages](#); [relationships](#); [lawsuits](#); [crimes of all kinds](#).

--The price of vengeance and unforgiveness is extremely high: It imprisons people in their past and makes the offender (the one who sinned against us) the jail keeper

--You are sentencing yourself to always feel as bad as you do about the event or the person—or maybe increasingly worse since you constantly are rehearsing in your head what they did.

--These will be Memories that you will distort and exaggerate over time because the devil knows that our minds are the real battlefield and that unforgiveness gives him a foothold, so, expect him stoke that fire continually.

--It's nonsense, its foolish, self-destructive; it Destroys our well-being, controls our lives,  
removes our happiness and joy,

--I want to live my life with the maximum joy, peace, assurance, usefulness, and testimony that I  
can have.

--Jude 1:21 – That's where I want to be, where the love showers come down the hardest—don't  
you?