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The Lord's Prayer Devotionals

Name: _____

Week Four: Praying for Forgiveness

Memory Verse: Matthew 6:12

“And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

Look up:

- Psalm 32:5
- Psalm 103:12
- Matthew 6:14-15
- Romans 3:23-24

Have you ever had a time in your life when you had to decide whether to forgive someone or not? It can be really hard to forgive someone when you feel like they've wronged you. The amazing thing is that we believe in a God who forgives us when we ask. We've never done something so bad that God can't forgive us. This forgiveness means that God doesn't hold a grudge against anyone. Sometimes we can say that we forgive others, but we might still secretly be angry at them. Take comfort in the fact that God doesn't do this; God's forgiveness means that we are truly forgiven, that there are no grudges held against us. In the Bible we're called to forgive others because we've first been forgiven ourselves. On our own this can seem like an impossible task, but with God we can find the strength to forgive others. In this way, showing them the love of God that we've been shown.

Have you ever prayed for forgiveness before? If so, how did you feel afterwards?

Why do you think it's important that we forgive others?

What do you think it means to forgive others as God has forgiven us? How do you think this kind of forgiveness is different from the forgiveness we see in society?

Monday Reflection:

Briefly describe a time when you had to ask forgiveness from someone else. Were you forgiven? How did this forgiveness or lack of forgiveness make you feel?

Tuesday Reflection:

Make a list of what you think are important aspects of true forgiveness.

Wednesday Reflection:

Read Matthew 18:21-35. Write down what stood out to you in this parable. Why do you think the servant was unable to forgive his fellow servant?

Thursday Reflection:

Spend a bit of time thinking about if there's anyone you are having trouble forgiving or if there's anyone you need to ask for forgiveness.

Friday Reflection:

Spend some time in prayer asking God to forgive you for any mistakes you've made. Reflect on how praying this made you feel.