



Pray, Praise & Give Thanks

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The devil, the world, and my sinful nature war against me every day. I can't control what other people do to me or love and forgive them as I should.

Jesus, the sinless Son of God, suffered and died at the hands of evil men in order to earn salvation for the whole world. God forgives my sins for Jesus' sake and helps me to forgive others.

Bible Words

Be kind . . . forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Lord's Prayer Connection

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 37:12–36; 45:1–15; 50:15–21

The Bible accounts that comprise the whole of Joseph's life story read almost like a dramatic television series. The favorite son who irritated his older siblings. The one whose brothers kidnapped him and faked his death. The successful assistant wrongly accused by his boss's wife. The model prisoner turned valuable government official.

Through this series of unlikely events, Joseph finds himself face-to-face with his brothers once again. But a television screenwriter could not have imagined what came next. Rather than seeking revenge, Joseph chooses to forgive his brothers.

Family Faith Talk

"Forgive us our trespasses . . ." God forgives all sin for Jesus' sake, and He enables us to forgive others just as He gave Joseph the power to forgive his cruel brothers. When there are hurting hearts in your home, take the time to name the hurt and sin, maybe even by identifying the commandment broken. Then, instead of responding "It's okay," speak the words "I forgive you." Help everyone remember that sin is never "okay"; yet in Christ, we are forgiven and can forgive.

Prayer

Dear God, Your grace and mercy for us are so great that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. When He rose from the dead, our Savior, Jesus, conquered the power of sin, death, and Satan. Through faith, we have the promise that You will forgive our sins for Jesus' sake. By the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us to recognize and confess our sins to You. As You forgive us, help us to forgive others who sin against us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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