

Our Father...

#6 And Forgive Us Our Debts. . .

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² **And forgive us our debts,** as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

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Debt: A state of being under obligation to pay or repay someone or something in return for something received.

Our sin puts us in **DEBT** to God.

- Acts of **OMISSION**: I have failed to do something that God has called me to do.
- Acts of **COMMISSION**: I did something that God has called me not to do.

The Old Testament System For Atoning For Sin

Exodus 19:3b-6 (ESV)

Exodus 24:3-8 (ESV)

The sacrificial system was put in place as a **REMINDER** of our debt.

Hebrews 10:1-4 (ESV) For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

And FORGIVE us our debts...

Only **CHRIST'S** sacrifice can repay God for our spiritual debts.

Hebrews 9:24-26 (ESV) For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Because our **DEBT** is with God, only God can **FORGIVE** it.

Psalm 51 (ESV) Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

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We continue to pray for the forgiveness of our sins as a **REMINDER** of what Christ has done for us in forgiving our sins and cancelling our debt and to continue to repent and ask the Holy Spirit to **TRANSFORM** us internally to be more like Christ.

Luke 22:19-20 (ESV) And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

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Five Practical Ways We Can Walk With One Another

1. Remind one another that our **DEBT** has been forgiven.
Hebrews 10:19-22 (ESV) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
2. Remind one another to **HOLD FAST** to God.
Hebrews 10:23 (ESV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
3. **SPUR** one another toward growth in loving others and doing good.
Hebrews 10:24a (ESV): And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...
4. Regularly **CONNECT** with other believers.
Hebrews 10:25a (ESV) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some...
5. **ENCOURAGE** one another.
Hebrews 10:25b (ESV) but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.