

# HIGHER POWER

## “Forgive Us Our Debts”

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. (Amen.)

*And forgive us **our trespasses**, as we forgive **them that trespass against us**. Matthew 6:12 (NMB)*

*And forgive us **our debts**, as we also have forgiven **our debtors**. Matthew 6:12 (NIV)*

FORGIVENESS = To **renounce anger** or resentment against. To **absolve from payment** of.

### FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

1. I AM WRONG
2. I AM SORRY
3. PLEASE FORGIVE ME

#### I AM WRONG (Principle of Responsibility)

*It is **harder to win back** the friendship of an offended brother than to capture a fortified city. His anger shuts you out like iron bars. Proverbs 18:19 (TLB)*

#### I AM SORRY (Principle of Remorse)

*The sacrifices of God are **a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart**, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17 (NIV)*

#### PLEASE FORGIVE ME (Principle of Repentance)

Peter said, “**Change your life.** Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:38 (MSG)**

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- **I AM SORRY (Principle of Remorse)**
- **PLEASE FORGIVE ME (Principle of Repentance)**

### **AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, **just as in Christ** God forgave you.*

**Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

*Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord... Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.*

**Romans 12:19, 21**

*If we confess our sins, he is **faithful and just** and will **forgive us our sins** and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

**1 John 1:9 (NIV)**