

Forgive Others

THE WORD

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to settle his accounts. A servant owed him millions and could not pay, so the king ordered him to be sold as a slave. The servant pleaded for mercy and the king, filled with pity, forgave him and let him go. The servant went out and seeing another servant who owed him a few dollars demanded that he pay. When the man pleaded for mercy, he had him thrown into jail. Hearing this, the King was angry and sent the first servant to be punished."

Ecc 27:30-28:7 | Ps 102 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

LOOK CLOSER

Forgiveness. Just as we are forgiven by the Father, so too should we forgive others. Forgiveness allows us to restore broken relationships and let go of resentment. Forgiveness frees us to love and live joyfully.

Think about it: Who do you resent? On a small card, draw a picture of a flower and write: "I forgive you [name of person]".

PRAYER SPACE



Symbol: Flower

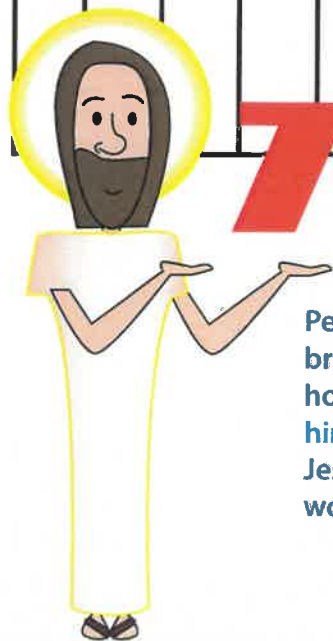
Jesus, you forgave those who tormented you. Teach us to forgive. Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

St Matthew is the patron saint of bankers. He was a Galilean tax collector, and many people thought he was a traitor and a cheater. He left his old life behind when Jesus came to him one day and said, "Follow me". St Matthew's Gospel tells us much about Jesus's life and mission.



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Peter asked Jesus: "Lord, if my brother keeps sinning against me, how many times must I forgive him? Seven times?" To find out Jesus' answer, unscramble the words.