

Father, Forgive Them

Luke 23:34

**1. Like Jesus, we are to forgive
and pray for those who do not
deserve it.**

Isaiah 53:12

“... and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

Mark 11:25

**“And when ye stand praying,
forgive, if ye have ought against
any: that your Father also which
is in heaven may forgive you
your trespasses.”**

Ephesians 4:32

**“And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, even as God for Christ's
sake hath forgiven you.”**

2. Like Jesus, when we are wrongly treated, we are to entrust the offenses against us to God's justice and care.

1 Peter 2:23

“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:”

3. Jesus' words remind us that all our sin is against God, and forgiveness ultimately comes from God the Father.

Psalm 51:4

**“Against thee, thee only, have I
sinned, and done this evil in thy
sight: that thou mightest be
justified when thou speakest,
and be clear when thou judgest.”**

Luke 15:21

**“And the son said unto him,
Father, I have sinned against
heaven, and in thy sight, and
am no more worthy to be
called thy son.”**

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

4. We need to remember that the price Jesus paid on the cross, and the forgiving spirit that He showed, was and is just as much for us as it was for those Roman soldiers who put Him on the cross.

2 Corinthians 5:21

**“For he hath made him to be sin
for us, who knew no sin; that we
might be made the
righteousness of God in him.”**