

God I know You want me to live at  
peace with others-but I will not be able  
to do that until I can forgive. Help me  
forgive that which seems unforgiveable.  
Free my heart so that I can be at peace  
with everyone.

# Unforgiveness



*And Jesus said, Father, forgive them;  
for they know not what they do.*

Luke 23:34 ASV



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Lord Jesus, if You could forgive the people who stripped You and drove nails through Your hands and feet, who hung You up on the cross to die, then I know You can help me to forgive those who have offended or wronged me.



God, free me of resentment and self-righteousness. Take the two-by-four out of my own eye before I worry too much about the speck in someone else's! Make me humble enough to forgive.

It is not always easy to forgive. If we are Christ's followers, however, we must follow His example. If He could forgive the people who were killing Him, we can certainly find a way to forgive those who hurt us!

Ultimately, when we cannot forgive, we hurt ourselves more than anyone. Nursing a grudge damages our own hearts. It can even make us physically ill.

God wants us to be set free from old grievances and harbored resentments. He will heal our wounded hearts and give us the strength to forgive. After all, He forgave us, didn't He?

Jesus, in the Gospels, You always showed mercy to the sinners. But You had no patience for the proud and unforgiving Pharisees.



Lord, may I carry Your forgiveness to all who have hurt me. May they see You in me. Work Your reconciliation through me.