

**CONNECTING WITH GOD**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Part 5: "The Prayer of  
Release"**

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**Notes:**

***"As we forgive those who trespass against us."***

The Lord's Prayer continues, "as we forgive those who trespass against us." Why must we release those who have hurt us? As we consider the story of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18, we will find out.

***" as we forgive our debtors ."***  
**– Matthew 6:12b (KJV)**

**"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?'" Matthew 18:21**

**"Jesus answered, '...not seven times, but 77 times!'" Matthew 18:22**

**"by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. " - Colossians 2:14 (ESV)**

**My Next Step(s):**

- I will ask God to show me who I am failing to forgive.
- I will pray for God to give me the strength to forgive someone who has hurt me.
- I will not harbor resentment against someone whom I have forgiven.
- I will forgive those who have wronged me; where possible I will speak forgiveness.
- I will "nail" those sins to the cross of Jesus Christ and receive His healing.

**Memory Verse:** "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32

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