



# 40 *days of* Prayer

**How To Find Forgiveness**

# P.R.A.Y.

- P = Praise

*“I will **praise** You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.”*  
Psalm 86:12

- R = Repent

*“**Repent**, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”*  
Acts 3:19

- A = Ask

*“Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask** in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”*  
Mark 11:24

- Y = Yield

*“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, **not my will**, but yours be done.”*  
Luke 22:42

# Forgiveness Is Based On The Character Of God

“The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion.” Numbers 14:18

“The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him...”. Daniel 9:9

“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives...You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.”

Mic 7:18

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“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

# Forgiveness Is Based On The Finished Work Of Jesus On The Cross

“...he (Jesus) entered the Most Holy Place **once for all** by his own blood, having **obtained eternal redemption.** Hebrews 9:12

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and **with your blood you purchased men for God**”

Revelation 5:9

# Forgiveness Is Based On The Finished Work Of Jesus On The Cross

“For you know that it was **not with perishable things** such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect.” 1Peter 1:18-19

“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:30

# Forgiveness Becomes Effective In Your Life When You Confess And Repent

Confess: *To agree with*

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1John 1:9

Repent: *To turn around*

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord”

Acts 3:19

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“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”-  
- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” Psalm 32:5

“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Heb 4:16

“...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience ” Heb 10:22



# Forgiveness Is Real Whether You “Feel It” Or Not

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.**” Jer 29:11-12

“he (God) does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:10-12

## DO NOT DEPEND UPON FEELINGS

The promise of God's Word, the Bible — not our feelings — is our authority. The Christian lives by faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. This train diagram illustrates the relationship between **fact** (God and His Word), **faith** (our trust in God and His Word), and **feeling** (the result of our faith and obedience) (John 14:21).



The train will run with or without the caboose. However, it would be useless to attempt to pull the train by the caboose. In the same way, we, as Christians, do not depend on feelings or emotions, but we place our faith (trust) in the trustworthiness of God and the promises of His Word.

# Two Arenas Of Forgiveness

- Initial Forgiveness:

When we accept Jesus as Savior by confessing our sin and putting our trust in His finished work on the cross, we have forgiveness of our sin and **RELATIONSHIP** with the Father.

- Ongoing Daily Forgiveness:

When we confess our sin daily we restore our **FELLOWSHIP** with the Father. Our **RELATIONSHIP** was not severed, but our **FELLOWSHIP** was broken...and is now restored.