

**Just like Peter, Lord, we want to be “legalistic” about forgiveness.  
We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient.  
We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice.**

**We love to say, “I may forgive, but I’ll never forget!”  
How blind we are, O Lord!  
In our arrogance, we think that we are truly following the ways of Christ.**

**But forgiveness means wiping the slate clean, not retaining the hurt.**

**It works both ways: letting ourselves make a decision for healing and  
reaching out to the one who has hurt us to offer forgiveness and  
redemption. We know that none of us is perfect.**

**Jesus reminded us that love is the ruling component in lives of faithful  
living. Help us, O Lord, really receive the love that you have lavished upon  
us. Help us understand that love as an agent of forgiveness.**

**As we have brought before you the names of people and situations that are  
on our hearts, we seek your healing mercies and tender love for them.  
Remind us that the same mercy and love is continually offered to us, though  
we falter and fail, though we seek and strive.  
Fill us fully with your mercy and words of peace.**

**(INSERT)**

**Give us strength and courage to really follow Jesus,  
Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which  
you have offered, time and time again, your forgiving love to us. Heal our  
wounds and bind up our brokenness.**

**Be with us as now as we pray as Jesus taught us --**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy  
will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and  
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and  
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. AMEN**

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**Lord, we ask for healing for (names)**

- 1**
- 2**
- 3**
- 4**
- 5**
- 6**

**Give comfort and peace to those whose family members have recently  
passed away (names)**

- 1**
- 2**
- 3**
- 4**
- 5**

**Grant traveling mercies to (names)**

- 1**
- 2**
- 3**

**Joys**

- 1**
- 2**
- 3**
- 3**