

Sermon Series: *The Lord's Prayer*



To Forgive...

or Not Forgive

Forgive Us

As We Forgive Others

Mt Vernon UMC

March 10, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE¹

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING  #271 v3

And forgive all our debts

Hallowed-a be Thy name

As we forgive our debtors

Hallowed-a be Thy name (2x)

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PSALM

Psalm 103

↑HYMN² 

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

389. Freely, Freely

LORD'S PRAYER³

O God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as
your forgiven children. In his name we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to
live by it as children in your family.

Hallowed be thy name.

¹ Cover art: Artist unknown.

[https://www.sapphiregospels.com.ng/2020/07/escaping-trap-of-unforgiveness.h
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² ↑ == Please stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

³ Author unknown.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/responsive-lords-prayer.html>

Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us
to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

Thy kingdom come.

Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the
angels do, and to conform our will to yours.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things
necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive
and to do good to those who wrong us.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the
world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our
flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap
of unrepented sin.

And lead us not into temptation.

Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor,
and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith
in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

But deliver us from evil.

For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings
and Lord of your church.

For thine is the kingdom,

You alone hold the power to grant our requests.

and the power,

We worship you from whom all blessings flow.
and the glory forever and ever.

Relying on Jesus, who canceled our sins and made us
acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:

Amen.

↑GLORIA  - #70

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE⁴

Matthew 6:9,11,14-15

This is how you should pray.

...

forgive us our sins,
just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.

...

Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do,
your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you. But
if you do not forgive the sins of other people, your
Father will not forgive your sins.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:23-35⁵

“For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared
to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his
servants. When he began to settle accounts, one who
owed ten thousand talents was brought before him.
Since he did not have the money to pay it back, his

⁴ New International Reader's Version

⁵ Christian Standard Bible

master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt.

“At this, the servant fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything.’

Then the master of that servant had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.

“That servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’

“At this, his fellow servant fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he wasn’t willing. Instead, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed.

When the other servants saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened. Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And because he was angry, his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed.

So also my heavenly Father will do to you unless every one of you forgives his brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON

Forgive Us As We Forgive

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

God keep you from doing evil,
Our Lord forgive the evil that you do,
The Holy Spirit give you the power to forgive others.

Go, announce God's kingdom, power and glory.
Amen

POSTLUDE

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Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, by the end of the year, we will have read the entire Bible.



2024-03-010	Leviticus 25:1–55	Psalms 30:7–12	Proverbs 7:4–5	Mark 8:1–21
2024-03-11	Leviticus 26:1–46	Psalms 31:1–8	Proverbs 7:6–8	Mark 8:22–9:1
2024-03-12	Leviticus 27:1–34	Psalms 31:9–18	Proverbs 7:9–12	Mark 9:2–29
2024-03-13	Numbers 1:1–54	Psalms 31:19–24	Proverbs 7:13–17	Mark 9:30–50
2024-03-14	Numbers 2:1–3:16	Psalms 32:1–7	Proverbs 7:18–21	Mark 10:1–22
2024-03-15	Numbers 3:17–4:20	Psalms 32:8–11	Proverbs 7:22–23	Mark 10:23–45
2024-03-16	Numbers 4:21–5:31	Psalms 33:1–9	Proverbs 7:24–27	Mark 10:46–11:11

Holy Conferencing Opportunities

Tuesday 8pm	Thursday 9:30am	Thursday 6:30pm
Zoom	Bellflower	Mt Vernon

Upcoming Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Feeding Our Kids)	Today!
Council meeting	3/13
Blessing of Tractors & Seeds	3/16
Maundy Thursday (BF Christian Church)	6pm 3/28
Good Friday Worship (Mt Vernon)	7pm 3/29
Saturday Outdoor Sunset Service (Mt Vernon)	7:30pm, 3/30
Easter Sunrise Service. Sunrise (Mt Vernon)	6am, 3/31
Easter Sunrise Service (Bellflower)	7am, 3/31
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Bellflower)	8am, 3/31
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Mt Vernon)	9am, 3/31
Worship (Bellflower)	9am 3/31
Worship (Mt Vernon)	10:30, 3/31
Helping Hands Donation	4/7
Zoom and Prayer (ask Rob for link)	8pm, Tuesdays
Dinner and Bible	6:30pm, Thursdays

From feedingourkids.org :

We provide nourishing food to food insecure school children on weekends and school holidays throughout the school year. How we execute that mission takes many hands and a great deal of generosity.

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).