

Jesus Christ Teaches Us to Forgive Others

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Transcript

All of us, we can look back to our school days. When I look back to my school days, I think of some good teachers that I had. Especially, there were a few, I mean, some are a little mean to us, but I don't want to think of that.

But there were some good teachers who used to call different ones privately to her. Like if there was someone who was weak in some subject, she would call her at the end of the class and speak very softly to her and help that child in whatever subject she was weak in. For example, math, she would find out what was it that was hindering her from understanding.

So she explained in a simple way to her. At the same time, if she found there was somebody who was very good in math, she would call her and say, look, you can do this. You grasped the math so quickly.

I want you to do some more so that you can take my part in the district math Olympiad. You can do more. But she said it in such a way that the others didn't feel bad or that they were not good enough.

She was so good to us. And if she knew that somebody was good in writing or some art, she would say, you can read these books and that will improve your English a little more. And the same way, if someone was weak, I remember I had a very good Sunday school teacher.

She was the principal of another school, so she was a missionary who had come to India. And somehow she sensed that I had a hunger for God. She came to the same church and I respected her a lot.

So she would bring different books for me to read. Like that was the first time I read a book called Through Gates of Splendor about the five missionaries who were martyred in South America and different Christian books, biographies and and that made me hunger after God more and more. Somehow she could feel like feel like a doctor feels a pulse of a patient.

She could feel my level and she could she wanted to help me grow in my spiritual life. It's like that in God's school. We are all in God's school, all of us in different ages, children, young people, older people.

We are all in God's school and he takes us through this and he sees what are we weakened and what do we need extra training in and he sees there's something in which we are doing well and he wants us to do better in those areas like and sometimes he sends some tests. We read in 1st Peter 1 verse 7 that we go through fiery trials. Those are like the little the test that he gives not to all, all of us may not have the same fiery trial like for one it is a sickness, for another it's a difficult home, for another it may be a difficult life partner, difficult children, whatever, a difficult childhood, whatever it is.

Those are the trials that he allowed, Jesus allows in our lives, it's up to us how we do it and you know it says that at the end of it we come out as gold. We read 1st Peter the first chapter. It's almost like you'll get a gold medal much better than that you yourself will become like gold.

It's so wonderful when God allows those testings in our lives. So even during these days when there are so many changes and restrictions happening in the world, uncertainties, anxieties, those are all the little bit of the trials that God is allowing in our lives and how we come out, he's testing it and he won't let the temperature go too high, let it be too much for us and it will shatter us, no. He allows it and he controls it so that finally fine gold comes out of it.

I think of an illustration which I heard, when wet clay is put in the sun, it hardens and hardens, but when butter is put in the sun, it melts. So are we going to be like the clay which hardens and hardens or like butter which melts and yields to what God wants us to become? I think of a very saintly lady who came to our church when I was a child and you all must have heard about her. Her name is Corrie Ten Boom.

I think you must have read about her or read her books or even may have seen her video. She came to our church and spoke and gave her testimony. The thing that I remember about her, she said about her sufferings and how, I'll tell you briefly what she was like.

She was an ordinary Dutch lady, a Christian lady and a God-fearing father. Her mother had died. She and her unmarried sister were living in that house.

Her father was a watchmaker, older sister was married and that was during the Second World War. So a lot of people were, they were not prepared for that invasion and she found a lot of people were getting rounded up and she didn't know what was going to happen. They hit the radio and they found out what was happening little by little and her father and they both decided that they would shelter anyone who was being wanted for political reasons, especially the Jews.

The government was after Jews to persecute them and to maybe finish them off and God put it on their hearts to shelter these Jews. So they built a little place in their house where they could hide them one by one and she also got ration cards so that she could get food for them. And so she helped a lot of Jews and

she trusted that anyone who came asking for help and there was one betrayer who came pretending that he needed help and he betrayed them and she and her sister and father were caught and first they were put in a prison and later they were taken to a concentration camp in Germany.

The father died very soon but the two sisters, Betsy and Corrie, they survived and lived many months in that concentration camp and they went through a lot of suffering, physical suffering, mental suffering and one thing which held them strong was the Lord and God's word. She got a Bible smuggled and it's miraculous how when she had the Bible, they searched everyone and when her turn came, they just let her go and God helped her to keep that Bible with her. And the suffering was unending, was getting worse and worse and Betsy suffered the most and she was a sickly woman and Corrie was tempted to give in to self-pity and anger towards these people but Betsy told her, Corrie, we must forgive, we must love these people and she said these wonderful words, there is no pit that is so deep where God's love cannot reach us and that word kept ringing in Corrie's mind, there's no pit and that's the word that she came and spoke to us in our church, there's no pit that is so deep that God's love cannot reach us and then when Betsy was dying, Corrie began to hate these people and Betsy said, Corrie, you have to forgive them, you have to forgive them.

She said forgiveness is a terrible thing, it's a disease, you have to forgive them and slowly God worked in Corrie's heart. Betsy died with that wonderful experience and closeness to the Lord but Corrie survived and she came out and the message ringing in her heart was we have to forgive, the power of forgiveness and she said I must go all over the world and she prayed, Lord, take me everywhere, wherever you want, take me, I want to share this message of forgiveness to anyone and everyone whom I meet and that love and that forgiveness and when we read of Corrie, we don't read anything about the Jews who were helped and smuggled out, I mean she may have mentioned a few but we read the powerful message of forgiveness, when she was released, she met the guards who had persecuted them and beaten them, treated them harshly, she even met the man who betrayed and she could forgive them and she said, she put out her hand and shook their hand and she wrote a letter to the man who betrayed and said that God's love is there for you, I forgive you and I thought what a message it is for us, we hear so many people, I mean I get so many emails of people who have sorrows in their life, parents who have been, who have difficult children, children who have been abused by parents, young girls who have been abused by and molested by others, husbands who are not faithful to their wives, I get so many emails and I think the message for all of us, for all is that message of forgiveness, otherwise that unforgiving spirit will remain in our heart, it's like a poison, it will remain there and it will grow and grow and grow and it will turn to hatred and we will fall and it won't help the other person who has done us harm, that's the message I learnt from Kaurit and him and that's the, the message of forgiveness is a divine message, only God can teach us how to forgive, now when you read the old testament and you think of God, what must have gone through in God's heart when he created Adam and Eve and put them in the garden, the first thing they did instead of receiving all his blessings with gratitude, the first thing they did was to disobey him and do the very thing which he told them not to do and I would have thought God said this is the first pair of human beings I have created, let this be a trial, I will make another couple and make them and tell them now the previous ones failed, you don't fail, you make sure that you don't do the things which your, which the other couple did, he could have said that but no, he had forgiveness for Adam and Eve and he gave them another chance and many chances and all of us who are his descendants, their descendants, God has given us so many chances, so many, many chances and we have only tasted his forgiveness every day of our lives, we think of how much God forgave the children of Israel, God chose them as his own people and he showered so much of revelation to them, made them like the ideal group of people through which his son

could come into the world and die for the sins of the world, he had an eternal and wonderful plan for them but they kept on and on disobeying, going after other gods, being unfaithful and God still forgave, he punished them but his love was more, when you read Isaiah and some of the things God says I will do this, I will discipline you, I will punish you and then in the end he said yet I will love you, yet I will draw you with cards of love, I thought throughout God's love and his forgiveness is the thing that I can see, we read of David, he is known as man after God's own heart and he, when he committed a sin, grievous sin, many sins, he came in Psalm 51, we read how much he repented and said God I have sinned against you, creating me a clean heart and he asked for forgiveness and God forgave him, though there was a punishment, God forgave him and we would have thought a man like that should have learned to forgive, yes he forgave Shimei and others who were evil to him, even his own son he felt sad but when in his time of weakness, the last days of his life, just before he died, that old unforgiving spirit came up and he told his son, you must kill Shimei, the one whom he had forgiven years ago, he is telling his own son, finish him off, kill him and not only that, a group of so many others, we read that in 1 Kings 2 and yet God calls him a man after my own heart, think of God's love and forgiving nature, when we read of Hosea, he was a prophet when Israel, God's people were backslidden and going away, God told Hosea, I want you to marry an immoral woman and she'll go on living in immorality but I want you to keep on forgiving her and bring her back, just to show my children that even though you've been unfaithful to me, I'm still ready to forgive and I'll take you back, how difficult it must have been for Hosea to see his wife whom he loved so much and he showed so much love, she'd go again and again after her own sinful ways and God used that painful situation in Hosea's life to teach his children that he's a God who cares and loves, so forgiving nature is God's nature, in our own human strength, we can never forgive others, only God can help us to forgive others, when you come to the New Testament now, you think Jesus came into the world, God sent Jesus into the world to show the world who God is like, Jesus came to reveal the father to us, that forgiving father and he told many parables and by his life he showed the story of the prodigal son so many parables he said about forgiveness, we read about in the prayer he taught us, forgive us our sins just as we forgive others and many people who came to Jesus for healing, he could have said yes you're healed but he before he healed and he said your sins are forgiven and then there'd be a big commotion, who is he to forgive sins? In the end he said your sins are forgiven, your faith has made you whole, he wanted to show us, he wants to show us more than physical healing, he has power to forgive, forgiveness is more important, forgiveness for our sins is more important than healing for our body and that's what he showed to us on the cross, the ultimate, the last days of his, last day of his life when he suffered on the cross, beaten and bruised and shed his precious blood, even at that time he said father forgive them, they don't know what they're doing, of course they knew what they were doing but he said they don't know whom they are killing, they're killing God's son but father please forgive them and that cry to the father, asking the father to forgive is the thing that the centurion saw, he said surely this is the son of God, this is God's son, only God can do this and when others see us, you and me and the way we forgive others, anybody who harms us, who has done evil to us, the way we forgive them, they can say surely she's the child of God, she's the daughter of God, that's why she's able to forgive, such the words like I'll never forgive you, I'll never forget what you've done, I'll never forgive you, unless you repent I won't forgive you, those words should never come out of our mouth, only God has a right to say unless you repent I won't forgive you, we human beings have no right, we have to follow Jesus our master, whatever others do we are ready to forgive, so right now when we think of anyone, maybe it's a parent, maybe it's a husband, maybe it's a loved one who has done so much harm to us that we are so tempted to keep that hatred towards them, that's the time for us to release them and to forgive them, if you think of the amount of love there is in the world, real love and the amount of hatred and unforgiving spirit on one side, we can see there's so much

of hatred and unforgiveness, love is so little compared to the hatred, God wants us to be vessels of love and forgiveness, at least one drop more can come into this world if we love, especially if we love our enemies, if we love those who love us there's nothing so special, but loving those who hurt us, who are mean to us, who've done so much harm, that one drop of love will fill up the cup of love and push the cup of hatred and unforgiveness down and down, that's what God wants us to be in the time of trial, if you look at Mark chapter 11 verses 22 to 24, you can look at it later, when Jesus came to the fig tree and he was looking for fruit and there was no fruit, he cursed the fig tree and then the disciples said, Lord look at this fig tree, it's withered and died, so Jesus told them, even if you ask this mountain, if you ask in faith anything, it'll be done, but he also added when you pray, forgive others, that fig tree incident had nothing to do with forgiveness, but he even at that time, any time, any opportunity he had, he said when you pray, if you have anything against anyone, forgive them, release them, that's the secret thing which God wants us all to learn, to forgive, I was reading of this in Matthew 18 verses 21 to 34, when Jesus said about that, I think we can open our Bibles to that, like when Jesus said about prayer, he said, first he said about, in the early part, he says about a hundred sheep and one lost and then verse 15, he says, if your brother sins, go him and show him it's your fault, so we are so quick to think that, that's what we should do, we should go and tell their fault and then take it to the church, I feel that not many of us are called to do that, it may be for some elders in the church or something, because we don't have the grace to go and tell our brother, this is our, this is your fault, because when you point a finger at somebody, three fingers are pointing at us, you try to take the speck out of your brother's eye, there's a big log in our eye, so I want to just leave that part, but then Peter comes and says, Lord, if my brother sins, how often shall I forgive him, up to seven times, but Jesus said, no, 70 times seven, even up to 70 times seven, I was thinking, how can I take that word literally, nobody will come who has done me harm and says he's sorry and after in a day and again after a little while, he does some more, the same thing and then after half an hour, again the same thing, no one has ever done that to me, again and again and again, maybe a couple of times, but 70 times seven, how will it be, then the Lord gave me a revelation about that, somebody had done some harm to me and the Lord showed me, you have to forgive that person and I said, Lord, help me to forgive, I want to forgive, give me your grace to forgive, but after half an hour, that same thought came to my heart and that was again coming up and the Lord said, forgive him again, forgive him again or forgive her that second time and after a few minutes again, when I was cooking, how could she do such a thing to me, third time again, forgive him, forgive her, forgive her, I shed my precious blood for her, what have you done, you haven't done anything for her, forgive her, forgive her, like that the thoughts kept coming and coming because that harm which that person done looked so grievous to me, so I thought, Lord, it's very definitely, it's 70 times seven or maybe even more in a day, this thought has come to my mind and every time I want to forgive, I want to forgive, till that thought has completely gone out of my mind, so I had need for that verse, any number of times the thoughts may come to us, thought of unforgiving spirit, unforgiveness and we have to deal with it and we have to finish it off, it's like a giant or like a bacteria which keeps coming up, every time it comes up, you kill it or that bad weed which comes in our garden, every time it puts its head out, pull it out, then there's another weed of unforgiveness coming up, pull it out, pull it out, you know, when we read in the book of Hebrews, we read about the Abel and the Hebrews chapter 12 verse 24, it says the blood of Abel and the blood of Jesus, the writer to the Hebrews was comparing the blood of Jesus and the blood of Abel, Abel was also killed, he was a right good man and pleased God, but he was killed out of jealousy and his blood was shed and in Hebrews, he says that his blood and God said Cain, your brother's blood is crying out from the ground, so in the book of Hebrews, we read that the blood of Abel was crying out for vengeance, whereas the blood of Jesus who was also killed out of envy and unjustly, but he died for our sins and his blood always cries out, forgive them, father

forgive them, on the cross he was saying father forgive them, father forgive them, he said who are we going to follow, are we going to follow Abel even though he was a good man and did right and he could have asked for vengeance, but we follow Jesus who cries out, father forgive them. I think of an incident which happened in India a few years ago, many years ago, there was a godly missionary who came from Australia to preach the gospel in the eastern, northeastern part of India his name was Braham Staines, I haven't read a book written about him, I hope someone will write about him, but he and his wife, in fact I had the privilege of meeting his wife when she came to our home church before she was married, he and his wife were, they had three children, a daughter and two sons and they were working in that remote part of India, rehabilitating leprosy patients and they did some medical work and social work, helping them financially, helping them to learn some craft where they could support themselves and physically giving them medicines and all that and it was in a remote jungle area, so one day there was a camp in that remote area, so he said to his sons, his sons were like, I don't know, they may be seven or eight, definitely under ten, he told his sons, let's go to the camp and we'll have fun, we'll camp there, like you RLCF, you had a camp recently and I was thinking of that story, let's go to the camp, you and we'll have a dad and sons camp, we'll have some fun together and we'll eat and we'll, and mom and the daughter can go out and do their own mom and daughter thing, so these two, these father and two sons went to that remote jungle area and they lived that camp life, they had a camp, they cooked food and they said instead of living in that, we'll stay in the van, we'll sleep there, so he said, let's stay in the, sleep in the van and the others, other Indian workers, they let them have the facility of that, of that camp house, so they ate and they slept in the van, now in that area, there were people who hated Christians in that whole area, so they knew this Graham and his sons were there and they plotted and they decided to finish them off and they chose a very brutal, brutal way to finish them off, they came, a group of them came in the middle of the night when this father and sons were sleeping in that van, they came with cans of diesel and torch and fire and poured diesel on the van and set fire to the van and the father and sons died in that van and after, and they closed the door to the other house, so the people from inside the house couldn't come and rescue or do anything to save this poor dad and sons, so after the fire was put and these people ran away, after the fire was put out, they pulled out the bodies, the charred bodies of these three, the father was hugging his two sons and that's how they died and they went to be with the Lord together, then later there was a memorial service and Gladys and the wife spoke, gave her testimony, it was such a powerful testimony and it came out in the newspapers and also later she spoke in the TV and she said, there's only one message, my loss is great, I have lost a husband and my two sons, their life has been shortened, my two sons would grown up and to have a normal adulthood and be normal young men when they lost their lives, I don't blame anyone, I only have the message which Christ taught me, that is the message of forgiveness, I want to forgive everyone who has done this, I have nothing against them, I only want to forgive and that message was so powerful, I thought anyone whose heart was hardened would have seen this lady giving her testimony, a living testimony and so much from the depth of her heart, the testimony and from her heart, the testimony of forgiveness, I thought anyone's heart would have melted, the whole, everybody would have wanted to know about this Jesus Christ who taught us, taught his children and is still teaching his children to forgive others, but not being like that, still we pray, our duty is to continue that life of forgiving others, it's like Jesus who ran the race, he gave the torch to us, here I ran, my life is over, it's now up to you, he gave it to his disciples, he gave to Stephen, Stephen when he was torn, he said, he could have been in anguish and cried and said some vengeful words, but the last words he said was, Lord don't lay the sin to their charge and Stephen gave to others and like that it has come down through the centuries, martyrs who have died, we know how they died, singing praises to God and having no ill feeling or bitterness to those who harmed them and to Gladys, Graham Steyn's wife and to each one of us, when

we think of those who have harmed us, I myself have felt sometimes there are people who did some harm to me and to my family and I thought how can they ever do that, but the more I dwelt on the love of Jesus, this harm was like a dust and the Lord just blew it away, by his grace I can say that unforgiving spirit, God just took it away and in that place of that unforgiving spirit, he has put love and that's possible for each one of us, think of our condition, are we having any difficult husband, difficult neighbor, difficult in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, difficult daughter-in-law, whoever it is, maybe somebody in the past did some harm to us and molested us or something, those we have to avoid, but there are people whom we have to live with now and that grind is day by day we have to deal with that person, we can never do it by ourselves, we can never have that love and unforgiving spirit by ourselves, however much we grit our teeth and we decide and we make resolutions is not going to help us, it's only by the power of the Holy Spirit, only God's power can help us and that's the divine nature God can give us and that's the thing which we need, we come to God and we are a needy people, we are needy people who need God's forgiveness always in our life, every day we are doing things which we know and sometimes some things which we don't even know which needs forgiveness and asking God for forgiveness, crying out for forgiveness and we come and we live in a world with needy people, people who need forgiveness from us, who need to hear that message of forgiveness and we don't look at others as if they are some culprits or some bad people who are doing evil to us or some people whom we have to hate, but we look at them as needy people, people who need forgiveness from us just as we have needed forgiveness from our Lord, you think of the parable of the unmerciful servant who could not forgive, who was forgiven such a great debt but he could not forgive his fellow servant who owed him so little, sometimes we are like that, people who owe us, we think that that debt they owe us is so big but when we come to the cross and we see the burden of sin that God forgave us, in fact we need to see that more and more, Lord give me a glimpse of Calvary, open my eyes to see the greatness of my sin, I don't want to look back and condemn myself but just open my eyes, give me a glimpse to see how much I grieved you, then it will be easy for me to forgive others and to not late against them.

In Luke chapter 7 we read a beautiful incident, Luke 7 verse 47 on which we read how there was a very sinful woman who came, she heard that Jesus was in somebody's house and she came and everybody knew she was a sinner, verse 36, and she heard that Jesus was having dinner at that Pharisee's house and she brought an alabaster vial of perfume and she stood behind him, she didn't even feel that Jesus, she was worthy for Jesus even to look at her, she felt so ashamed of her sinful condition but she was needing forgiveness and she knew only Jesus could forgive the sins that she had done, she stood behind and weeping at his feet, she poured that ointment and she wept and wiped his feet with her tears and her hair, wet his feet with her tears and wiped with her hair and she poured that alabaster perfume and the people there said surely Jesus, he would have known this was a sinful woman, you see in that they could only see find fault with Jesus by allowing this thing to happen, they didn't have no mercy for this woman who needed forgiveness and Jesus said there were two people, one suppose there were two people, one who owed a big debt and one who owed a small debt, who will love the master more, the judge more, so they said the one who owed more, he said it's like this, this woman's sins are so great that she has many sins but everything has been forgiven, her sins are many but she loved much, verse 47, her sins which are many have been forgiven for she loved much but he who is forgiven little loves little, that's the word I want to remember, she has been forgiven because she loved much, I want, I say Lord put my name there, please put my name there, she has been forgiven, she has loved much because she has been forgiven much, I don't want to think of somebody else who's been forgiven so little and my eyes are just wide open to see that little bit but open my eyes to see and that woman who has been forgiven so much and so I want to love much, please talk of me like that, she has been forgiven much therefore she loves much,

make that my motto Lord, so that's the thing which I want to again share with you, so when we think of all this unforgiving nature which keeps coming up, till our dying day we'll come across people who've done harm to us and if we look back at the from our childhood days, we add more and more, so let's finish with the past and say Lord I don't want to think anymore of the past, I don't want to think because there's still more unforgiveness which I have to face, let me deal with that, give me grace to deal with that but about the past, let it completely go out of my mind, I want to be, I want to forgive and release everyone, anytime that thought comes I want to say forgiven and released, forgiven and released and the next if whoever come does things against me, help me to be quick to forgive them and so these are the things I want to share with you and when I think of all the evil that people are doing to others, let's not add more unforgiveness to this quota of unforgiveness, let's make it less and less and ask God, Lord help me to do my part to take out this hatred and in my heart at least let there be forgiveness, so I thought, decided on a few steps which I'm going to do, first of all I'm going to ask God to forgive me my sins and open my eyes to see how great a sinner I am and I was and God has, Jesus has forgiven me, Lord open my eyes to see myself and help me to forgive and not to forget, remember anything what others have done, 70 times 7 is my number which I want to remember, just like people say 9 11, you know oh remember 9 11, we know that's what it means or 24 7, we know yeah those numbers mean that throughout the day, we have to rejoice 24 7 but for me the number is 70 times 7, Lord if anybody does any evil or anything I have even if and sometimes the evil is just imaginary, there's no such, that person may not have meant it at all, if you really ask them say oh really you took it like that but I didn't mean it like that, I didn't mean you to take it get offended by that and that's not exactly what I meant, so take that secret number of 70 times 7 as your number which you want to remember, Lord I want to forgive throughout the day, I want to keep forgiving and forgiving, I don't want to add, don't wait till the end of the day and say Lord I forgive me for this, I said to my daughter to my son and to so and so and over the phone, we'll never forget but as soon as it happens and that thought comes up, Lord help me to remember that's what I should do with this thought, I want to forgive and I want to keep it in my mind, secondly ask God to help us to reject those thoughts, as soon as we get those thoughts, reject them and don't talk about it, thirdly don't talk about it to anyone, first it's in our thought then it comes in our words, see we may be tempted to talk to our husband or talk to our relatives or friends and we think that if I share with her then it will be easier for me but you know that's just like the second best, best is to tell the Lord and deal with it then, why pollute another person with this bad thing which has happened to us, especially children, I want to say you know sometimes we tell our children and it's too much for the children to bear, you know this thing happened to me and this thing happened and the little children they can't handle it, we ourselves find it difficult to handle it, how much more it be for children to handle and for them to deal with hatred and unforgiving, we're almost like giving them an inheritance of unforgiveness for them to deal with and they have to take care of it and their little minds, they grew up with warped shattered mind of unforgiveness, unforgiveness and this thing poison which eats into them, eats into them, eats into them, it must be so difficult for them to take it out of their lives and define the secret, so please let's not share these things with our children but after we have got over it, we can tell them and they face hatred in their school or some teacher has been mean to them, some friend doesn't want to talk to them, then we can say you know this is the lesson which mummy learned not to hate anyone, she had a friend who betrayed her, which she got to love and later on she became good friends with her, that thought never, God will help us, Jesus will help us, so don't put our burdens on our children but when the time comes when they face, help them to forgive, teach them to forgive, that's the third and then ask God, replace this unforgiving evil thing out of it, this weed, take it out and replace it with a good plant, good nature, that love, not just human love, we think like oh she's going to be my buddy, she's going to be my friend, you know even our earthly friends can fail us but when there's

divine love, whether she's near us or does good to us or her but that love with God poured into our hearts at Calvary, that love we can pour to them instead of the hatred, I know, I have experienced that to God's glory I can say, it's not me at all but when there was hatred, God replaced, took away that hatred little by little and now I can say there's love, if anything happens to them I feel so bad, if anything and I think Lord, don't let them suffer, please help them also to know that I have forgiven them, if at all you give me a chance, help me to do good to them, so I want to close with this thought, she has been forgiven much, therefore she loves much, keep that as a secret and 70 times 7 is our math number to remember, God bless you, shall we close in prayer? Our Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the divine love that you have shown us, the divine nature of forgiving others, we cannot find it in any book or in anything Lord but we have seen it in you and Jesus came to reveal that to us and we see how little we have of that, Lord Jesus, we are needy and we are hungry, teach us to forgive others Lord, give us the power of the Holy Spirit that not only in the past but whoever we face in the future will be able to forgive and we'll be able to love and help us to help others who are struggling with this, especially our children Lord, when they face difficult situations in school, even this COVID they cannot tackle and they are anxious and they are fearful, help us Lord to be able to share their burden and help them to get over this, we ask these things in Jesus precious name, Amen.

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