

## Words about Forgiveness from Religious Sacred Texts - Christianity

“Joseph said to [his brothers], ‘Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good....’ In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.”

*Genesis, Chapter 50*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

*Psalms 103*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*From Micah 6*

Jesus said, “Pray then in this way, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.’ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

*From Matthew 6 (in the “Sermon on the Mount”)*

“When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’”

*From Luke 23*

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

*From Colossians 3*