

**“FORGIVE US, FATHER!”**  
*Matthew 6:12 // August 22, 2021 PM*

I. Seek forgiveness from our Father.

II. Seek forgiveness for daily sins.

III. Seek forgiveness without hypocrisy.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What do you think Martin Luther meant when he spoke of the Lord’s Prayer as “the greatest martyr on earth”? How can our familiarity with this prayer lead us to abuse it?
2. Why is it important to remember that Jesus is teaching believers to pray here, not unbelievers?
3. What is justification? Does God forgive us of the guilt of only past sins? If He forgives us of present and future sins at the moment we are saved, why do we need to continue to ask for forgiveness?
4. Why does Jesus use the word *debts* to refer to our sins?
5. Does Jesus teach that God forgives us upon the basis of our forgiveness of others? Can we earn God’s love by loving others?
6. How does having a forgiving and loving heart toward those who wrong us evidence that we are true Christians?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I live upon the gospel, continually repenting and crying out for the fresh application of Christ’s life and death to my sinful soul?
2. Is the application of God’s fatherly forgiveness causing my heart to be enlarged with loving forgiveness toward those who wrong me?
3. Is there anyone who I cannot bring myself to love or hold out forgiveness toward? If so, what does the gospel say to this struggle?