

**Prayer Petition #7:**

**A Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 12, Psalm 51

**Reflections of the Heart:**

When we ask God to forgive us, what do we really expect? He said He would cast our sins into the sea of forgetfulness and never remember them. Do we believe this? Today, trust the Lord to purify you from your sins, wash you, and make you whiter than snow. He said He would forgive us. As you admit any wrongdoing, confess them with the confidence of knowing that God loves you and He wants what is best for you.

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Father, as a Church Family, we will praise You with all that we are. We will praise Your Holy Name with our whole hearts and we confess that we will never forget the good things You have done for us. Father, You forgive all of our sins, heal all of our diseases, redeem us from death and crown us with love and tender mercies. Lord, You are the one who shaped the mountains, stirred up the winds, and revealed Your thoughts to mankind. You turn the light of dawn into darkness and tread on the heights of the earth. The Lord God Almighty is Your Name. Lord, Your majestic Name fills the earth and Your glory is higher than the heavens! Lord, You will sit on Your throne forever and Your fame will endure to every generation. Thank You for the gift of forgiveness. Thank You for Your grace and mercy toward us. Thank You, Lord, for equipping us to forgive others.

Father, You said that if Your people who are called by Your Name will humble themselves, pray, seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways, then You will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land. We declare that we, the members of Windsor Village UMC, are those people. We come during this season of forgiveness and repentance confessing our sins. Lord, we will not deceive ourselves by saying that we have no sin, but we come confessing our sins knowing that You are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Father, forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_ (*confess your sins*). Father, I recognize how important it is to receive forgiveness, but I also know it is just as important to forgive others. So today, I forgive \_\_\_\_\_ (*name those persons you need to forgive*), so that I will be forgiven by You.

***Father, remind me of anyone I have hurt or offended. (List the names). Today, I will go and ask for forgiveness. (If the person is deceased, write a letter to him or her expressing your forgiveness, afterward, tear up the letter and allow the Lord to free you of any unforgiveness. If the person is alive go and ask forgiveness).***

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Holy Spirit, show us our individual faults. Father, search us and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends You, and lead us along the path of everlasting life. Father, I stand before You with a broken and repentant heart. Holy Spirit, please help me to process any pain caused by words or actions of others; lead me to people who can help me process my pain so that the offense(s) will not hinder Your preferred future from manifesting in my life. Father, please have mercy on my life.

***Lord, show me the old cycles and help me to break out of them. (List the old cycles and commit to allowing God to help you break them):***

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Father, forgive us collectively and individually for the sinful acts that we have committed against You including: idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, homosexuality, selfish ambitions, fornication, envy and heresies. Forgive us for manipulating Your Word to suit our purposes. Forgive us for wanting You to forgive us of our sins, but being unwilling to do the same for others. Forgive us for causing others to stumble as a result of our attitudes and behaviors. Holy Spirit, show us those we need to forgive; and help us to forgive.

Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You are the God who made the earth by Your power and preserved it by Your wisdom. With Your own understanding, You stretched out the heavens. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 103:1-4, Amos 4:13, Psalm 8:1, Psalm 102:12, II Chronicles 7:14, I John 1:8-9, Mark 11:25, Psalm 139:23-24, Psalm 51:17, Luke 17:1, Matthew 6:13, Jeremiah 10:12, Revelation 7:12

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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