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**Forgive Us
Our Sins**

September 4, 2016

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone, as a couple, as a family; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Nothing escapes your notice, O Lord. Teach us what joy there is in releasing others from their debts as we have been so graciously pardoned. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Jesus said,] "And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us." Luke 11:4a

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

We think we know what it means to forgive and be forgiven. Listen anew to God's invitation and experience the fundamental transformation that comes when forgiveness is truly sought – and granted.

Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday, Luke 11:2-4, *Forgive Us Our Sins*

Monday, Exodus 34:1-9, *Moses Makes New Tablets*

Tuesday, Psalm 32, *The Joy of Forgiveness*

Wednesday, Mark 2:1-12, *Jesus Heals a Paralytic*

Thursday, Matthew 18:23-35, *The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*

Friday, Acts 2:37-42, *The First Converts*

Saturday, Colossians 2:6-19, *Fullness of Life in Christ*

What do these texts say about forgiveness?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Why is important for God to forgive us? Why is it important for us to forgive others? What happens when forgiveness is not offered or received?

Tell a story of a time you felt the burden lifted when forgiveness was offered.

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Go to <https://www.ted.com/>. Search for TED talks on forgiveness.

View a few. Take notice of what you learn about forgiveness.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless you with forgiveness and reconciliation. Amen.