

Important Words:

FORGIVENESS

Meanings of the Words We Use

OPENING PRAYER

All merciful Father, all our sins against You are forgiven by You in Christ. Turn us to forgive those who sin against us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

1. How is the word “forgiveness” used in daily life? What do people mean when they say they forgive someone?
2. What is your definition of “forgiveness”?
3. How does our culture define “forgiveness”?
4. How does the dictionary define what it means to “forgive”?

5. In order to understand forgiveness rightly, we must understand God's own forgiveness. What does Isaiah 59:1–2 say about why forgiveness from God is needed?
6. What does God promise regarding our sin in 1 John 1:9?
7. If our sins are removed from us, where have they gone, according to Colossians 2:13–14?
8. What is the result of God's forgiveness, according to 2 Corinthians 5:19?
9. How does God's forgiveness affect the forgiveness we share with others, according to Ephesians 4:32?
10. How seriously are we to take our responsibility to forgive, according to Matthew 6:14–15?
11. What things are essential to forgiveness?

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God, if You kept a record of sin, who could stand? But with You, there is forgiveness. May the same be said of us, Your children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.