

Title: Kingdom Prayer (Part 4)

Text: “forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” Matthew 6:12

Target: **God is Provider**

I. **A REQUEST for Forgiveness: “forgive”**

- A. **Positional (Justification):** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. (Ephesians 1:7)*
- B. **Relational (Fellowship):** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

II. **A REASON for Forgiveness: “debts”**

- A. **Miss the Mark (archery term):** *For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)*
- B. **Trespass (slipped up):** *And you were dead in trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1)*
- C. **Transgression (crossed the line):** *But if you show partiality you are committing sin and are convicted by the law of transgressors (James 2:9)*
- D. **Lawlessness (no regard to the law):** *Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. (1 John 3:4)*
- E. **Debt (obligation):** *we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. (Romans 8:12)*

III. **A REMEMBRANCE in Forgiveness: “have forgiven”**

- A. **From The Cross:** *And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. (Luke 23:34)*
- B. **Mercy On You:** *and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you? (Matthew 18:33)*
- C. **For If You:** *but if you do not forgive others trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:15)*

IV. **A RELEASE in Forgiveness: “our debtors”**

- A. **What Forgiveness is NOT!**
 - 1. Forgetting
 - 2. Excusing
 - 3. Reconciliation
 - 4. Feeling
- B. **What Forgiveness DOES!**
 - 1. Healing
 - 2. Health
 - 3. Freedom

Takeaway: “Pain not transformed will become pain that will be transferred.” -Richard Rohr