

## **WALKING IN THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS (Prayers and Proclamations)**

Sometimes it is difficult to forgive ourselves even when we have been forgiven by God. There are also times we refuse to forgive others, or when others refuse to forgive us. This week, spend time remembering the prayer time you had based on Psalm 51, and think about the experience of King David.

Recognize that, although there are often some natural consequences based on your own sinful actions, thoughts, or words, confession and repentance lead to the unquestionable and unchanging free gift of forgiveness from the Father, who loves you with a powerful and supernatural kind of love. Let these declarations of forgiveness wash over you often. Consider speaking out these Scriptures as proclamations of the Lord's great love for you when Satan wants to tell you differently. Our enemy, the devil, wants to heap guilt upon you, but God, through His Spirit, gives you the assurance of His forgiveness through His powerful Word. John 8:36 says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Learn to live in His forgiveness and walk in freedom day by day:

- **1 John 1:9:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

**Pray:** Father, Your Word says that if I confess my sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness! Give me the desire to live a holy life so that You will be glorified in and through me. Help me to quickly recognize my sinfulness and confess it to You. Purify my heart and help me to walk in Christlikeness moment by moment, day by day!

- **Psalm 103:10-13:** "He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west. He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence him."

**Pray:** Merciful God, thank You that Your mercy is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. It amazes me that you faithfully remove my sins as far away from me as the east is from the west. Thank You for being a tender and sympathetic Father to me. Help my reverence and devotion to You grow deep and strong.

- **Ephesians 1:4-8:** "Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us and his favor that he has poured out upon us because we belong to his dearly loved Son. So overflowing is his kindness toward us that he took away all our sins through the blood of his Son, by whom we are saved; and he has showered down upon us the richness of his grace—for how well he understands us and knows what is best for us at all times."

**Pray:** Loving Father, even before You made the world You chose me to be Your very own through the sacrifice of Jesus. You decided that I would be holy in Your eyes, without a single fault and You covered with Your great love. You have adopted me into Your own family because You wanted me. I am loved by You.

I praise You for Your wonderful kindness to me and the favor You have poured out upon me by taking away my sins through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus! You have showered down upon me the richness of Your grace and I am so grateful that You understand me so well and know what is best for me at all times. Thank You, Father!

- **Psalm 32:5:** "Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.' And you forgave the guilt of my sin."

**Pray:** Father, sometimes it's difficult to come to You with my sin, even though you already know about it. How grateful I am that when I confess, you forgive the guilt and shame I feel so that I never have to carry it again.

- **Acts 10:43:** "All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, thank You that I receive forgiveness of my sins through Your name because I believe in and follow You. What an incredible promise!

- **1 John 2:1:** "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

**Pray:** Righteous One, I know I don't deserve what You did for me on the cross through Your death, but because of the power of Your death, burial and resurrection, I now have an advocate before God to take sin on my behalf. I can hardly comprehend the incredible love of Your sacrifice. Thank You

for taking the punishment I deserve and for washing away my sins in the presence of the Father when I bring them to You.

- **Romans 8:1:** "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

**Pray:** Lord, I struggle sometimes under the weight of guilt over things I have done that dishonor Your name and that hurt others, or even myself. Help me to pay attention so that I know when the devil is trying to condemn me before You. What an amazing blessing it is to know that because of Jesus Christ, You will never condemn me. I don't need to carry guilt ever again. Please help me to fully comprehend this amazing truth of Your Kingdom.

- **Colossians 1:13-14:** "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

**Pray:** Thank You, Lord, for delivering me from darkness and transferring me to the light of the Kingdom of Christ Jesus. He has redeemed me before You and my sins are forgiven. Hallelujah!

- **Psalms 86:5:** "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you."

**Pray:** Grace-filled Father, whenever I call upon You as I confess and repent of my sinful ways, You are always good and forgiving and full of love that never fails. I will always be grateful for the gift of being set free by the blood of Jesus.

- **Isaiah 43:25:** "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

**Hebrews 8:12:** "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

**Pray:** Merciful God, it amazes me that You not only forgive my sins, but You also choose to forget them so that I am free to begin again as a washed-clean child of the Most High. Thank You for this amazing gift. I don't fully understand it, but I receive it with gratefulness. Help me to walk each day with a fresh determination to live a holy, pure, Christlike life, serving in Your Kingdom.