

## **Jubilee: Forgive Us**

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**Theme:** Forgive us our debts (Matt. 6:12)

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

If Christians rely on the salvation of Jesus Christ to obtain forgiveness of sins through faith and become children of God, why must we still self-reflect daily and pray to God for forgiveness? While the corruption of God's children can't overturn the fact that they have been called righteous through Jesus; if we don't pray to God for forgiveness, a gap will always exist between us and the Father. We must examine ourselves and let others remind us to find where we fall short of God, and ask Him for forgiveness. In God's forgiveness, we will have a deeper understanding of His great love and the grace of Jesus.

### **Reflection**

- In the past, has my behavior been such that I have not done things I should have and done things I should not have, causing me to displease and fall short of God?
- Have I lived with compassion and forgiveness towards those who offend me?

### **Renew**

- Be determined. Step away from the sins mentioned above, hand them over to God and ask Him to change me.
- Go reconcile with someone with whom you may have a grievance. Rely on God to restore harmony in your relationship with him/her.

### **Prayer Requests**

- May the Holy Spirit shine upon me and reveal the sins I hide so that I may repent and be freed from them.
- For the Church
  - Pray for the unity and harmony of our church, may we genuinely love, forgive and accept each other.
  - Pray for the renewed spiritual life and work of church co-workers (Elder Yuguang He, Elder Chris Cheng)
- Pray for social harmony in American society and world peace.