

## Forgiveness

### Bible

Acts 2:38	Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 1:7	In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
Ephesians 2:8-9	When God graciously offers forgiveness of sins and a place in Heaven, we may feel unworthy, but we will receive these gifts if we accept them. A reception even warmer than the one David gave Mephibosheth waits for all who receive God's gifts through trusting Jesus Christ, not because we deserve it, but because of God's promise.
Ephesians 4:31-32	Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Galatians 6:1	Dear brothers and sisters, if another Christian is overcome by some sin, you who are Godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.
Isaiah 1:18	"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."
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.
Luke 6:35-38	But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
Luke 7:47	"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."
Luke 11:4	And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
Mark 11:25	And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your father in heaven may forgive you your sins."
Matthew 5:23-24	So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God.
Matthew 5:44-45	But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
Matthew 6:14	But if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
Matthew 6:14-15	For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
Matthew 18:21-22	Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

Micah 7:18	Our God, no one is like you. We are all that is left of your chosen people, and you freely forgive our sin and guilt. You don't stay angry forever; you're glad to have pity.
Proverbs 20:22	Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong! Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.
Proverbs 25:21-22	If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.
Psalm 86:5	You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.
The Lord's Prayer	Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
<b>Man</b>	
Anon	Forgiveness is love in its most noble form.
Marcus Aurelius Marcus Aurelius Antoninus	It is right that man should love those who have offended him. He will do so when he remembers that all men are his relations, and that it is through ignorance and involuntarily that they sin,--and then we all die so soon.
Hannah Arendt	In contrast to revenge, which is the natural, automatic reaction to transgression and which, because of the irreversibility of the action process can be expected and even calculated, the act of forgiving can never be predicted; it is the only reaction that acts in an unexpected way and thus retains, though being a reaction, something of the original character of action.
St. Augustine	Forgiveness is the remission of sins. For it is by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again.
St. Augustine	Thou must be emptied of that wherewith thou art full, that thou mayest be filled with that whereof thou art empty.
Francis Bacon	This is certain, that a man that studieth revenge keeps his wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well.
Philip James Bailey	They who forgive most shall be most forgiven.
Arthur James Balfour	The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.
Henry Ward Beecher	"I can forgive, but I cannot forget," is only another way of saying "I will not forgive." A forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note, torn in two and burned up, so that it never can be shown against the man.
Henry Ward Beecher	Every man should keep a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.
Josh Billings	There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.
William Blake	It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.
Paul Boese	Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.

Corrie Ten Boom	It was at a church service in Munich that I saw him, a former S.S. man who had stood guard at the shower room door in the processing center at Ravensbruck. He was the first of our actual jailers that I had seen since that time. And suddenly it was all there – the roomful of mocking men, the heaps of clothing, Betsie's pain-blanching face. He came up to me as the church was emptying, beaming and bowing. "How grateful I am for your message, Fraulein." He said. "To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away!" His hand was thrust out to shake mine. And I, who had preached so often to the people in Bloemendaal the need to forgive, kept my hand at my side. Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him. I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I prayed, I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness. As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me. And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.
Les Brown	Forgive yourself for your faults and your mistakes and move on.
George W. Bush	Grief and tragedy and hatred are only for a time. Goodness, remembrance and love have no end, and the Lord of life holds all who die and all who mourn.
Edwin Hubbel Chapin	Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it forgoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury.
Francois August Rene de Chateaubriand, Vicomte de Chateaubriand	It is necessary to repent for years in order to efface a fault in the eyes of men; a single tear suffices with God.
Lord Chesterfield	Little, vicious minds abound with anger and revenge, and are incapable of feeling the pleasure of forgiving their enemies.
Lord Chesterfield	Wrongs are often forgiven, but contempt never is. Our pride remembers it forever. It implies a discovery of weakness, which we are more careful to conceal than a crime. Many a man will confess his crimes to a friend; but I never knew a man that would tell his silly weaknesses to his most intimate one.
Confucius	Love thy neighbor as thyself: Do not to others what thou wouldn't not wish be done to thyself: Forgive injuries. Forgive thy enemy, be reconciled to him, give him assistance, invoke God in his behalf.
Princess of Wales Diana	When you are happy you can forgive a great deal.
Marlene Dietrich	Once a woman has forgiven a man, she must not reheat his sins for breakfast.
Euripides	Forgive, son; men are men; they needs must err.
St. Francis of Assisi	It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
Indira Gandhi	Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave.
Mahatma Gandhi	The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe	If a good person does you wrong, act as though you had not noticed it. They will make note of this and not remain in your debt long.
Dag Hammarskjold	Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again."

George Herbert	He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass if he would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.
Benjamin Hoadley	It is vain for you to expect, it is impudent for you to ask of God forgiveness on your own behalf, if you refuse to exercise this forgiving temper with respect to others.
Edgar Watson Howe	A woman who can't forgive should never have more than a nodding acquaintance with a man.
Elbert Hubbard	The ineffable joy of forgiving and being forgiven forms an ecstasy that might well arouse the envy of the gods.
Robert Green Ingersoll	If I owe Smith ten dollars and God forgives me, that doesn't pay Smith.
Gerald G. Jampolsky	I can have peace of mind only when I forgive rather than judge.
Juoy	We easily pardon an offense we had part in.
Thomas a Kempis, Imitation of Christ	Know all and you will pardon all.
Francois Duc de la Rochefoucauld	We pardon as long as we love.
Johann Kaspar Lavater John Caspar Lavater	He who has not forgiven an enemy has never yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we would find in each person's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.
Pauline Elisabeth Otilie Luise	The world never forgives our talents, our successes, our friends, nor our pleasures. It only forgives our death. Nay, it does not always pardon that.
Martin Luther	Forgiveness is God's command.
Josh Mcdowell	Forgiveness is the oil of relationships.
S. M. M'Corkle	The life most pleasing to God, is that which is spent in most usefulness to our fellow-creatures. A man cannot love his God, and hate his brother: he cannot expect mercy, who shows none.
Alan Paton	When a deep injury is done us, we never recover until we forgive.
Pittacus of Mitylene	Forgiveness is better than revenge.
Alexander Pope	To err is human; to forgive, divine.
Proverb	Forgive and forget.
Francis Quarles	Hath any wronged thee? Be bravely revenged; slight it, and the work is begun; forgive it, and it is finished; he is below himself that is not above an injury.
Pasquier Quesnel	Behold affronts and indignities, which the world thinks it right never to pardon, which the Son of God endures with a divine meekness! Let us cast at the feet of Jesus that false honor, that quick sense of affronts, which exaggerates everything, and pardons nothing, and, above all, that devilish determination in resenting injuries.
Rambler	A wise man will make haste to forgive, because he knows the full value of time and will not suffer it to pass away in unnecessary pain.
Jean Paul Richter	Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.
George Roemisch	Forgiveness is the fragrance of the violet which still clings fast to the heel that crushed it.
Nicholas Rowe	The narrow soul knows not the godlike glory of forgiving.
George Sand	To forgive a fault in another is more sublime than to be faultless one's self.
Seneca	He who has injured thee was stronger or weaker than thee. If weaker, spare him; if stronger, spare thyself.
George Bernard Shaw	Youth, which is forgiven everything, forgives itself nothing: age, which forgives itself everything, is forgiven nothing.
George Bernard Shaw	Forgive him, for he believes that the customs of his tribe are the laws of nature!

Percy Bysshe Shelley	Their errors have been weighed and found to have been dust in the balance; if their sins were as scarlet, they are now white as snow: they have been washed in the blood of the mediator and the redeemer, Time.
Bernie Siegel	Family means sharing inadequacies, imperfections and feeling with each other and still loving each other. But even when you set out to love, you may not always be a likeable person. And when you're not perfect, forgiveness for yourself and others becomes important. Then you get up the next day and start again. It is a process, like the opening of a bud. It is a flowering, a blooming and blossoming.
Sophocles	There is no sense in crying over spilt milk. Why bewail what is done and cannot be recalled?
. Source Unknown	Forgiveness is the key to happiness
Source Unknown	Forgotten is forgiven.
Source Unknown	Forgiveness and salvation are available through faith in Christ.
Source Unknown	Are you able to forgive those who have wronged you? Can you be generous with those less deserving? Each time we show compassion, our character is strengthened.
Source Unknown	Feelings of bitterness and resentment that go unchecked will destroy a relationship. Deal with your feelings before they escalate into open warfare.
Laurence Sterne	Only the brave know how to forgive; it is the most refined and generous pitch of virtue human nature can arrive at.
Syrus	Forgive others often, yourself never.
Thomas Szasz	The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.
Desmond Tutu	Without forgiveness, there's no future.
Archbishop Richard Whately	An old Spanish writer says, "To return evil for good is devilish; to return good for good is human; but to return good for evil is godlike.
Oscar Wilde	Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.