

Forgiveness choral reading

CHARACTERS: Leader 1 (10 lines), Leader 4 (3 lines), All, Group A, Group B

RUN TIME: 2-3 minutes

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: Matthew 6:12 & 14, 18:21-35, 26:27-28; Col 2:13-14, 3:12-14, Ephesians 1:7, 4:32; 1 Corinthians 13:5, Luke 5:24, 7:40-49, 11:4, 17:3-4, 23:24; Mark 11:25-26, Romans 4:7, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 25:11, 86:5, 103:12, 130:4

LEADER 1: Our father, who is in heaven

ALL: Your name is holy.

LEADER 1: Your kingdom come, your will be done

ALL: On earth as it is in heaven.

LEADER 1: Forgive us our sins

ALL: for we ourselves also forgive everyone who sins against us.

LEADER 2: For if you forgive people their wrongdoing,

ALL: your heavenly Father will forgive you as well.

LEADER 1: But if you don't forgive people,

ALL: your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.

LEADER 1: Be on your guard. If your brother sins, rebuke him,

ALL: and if he repents, forgive him.

LEADER 1: And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying,

LEADER 2: I repent

ALL: you must forgive him.

LEADER 2: How many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?

ALL: Seventy times seven.

LEADER 1: Because love keeps no record of wrongs.

ALL: Therefore, God's chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion,

GROUP A: kindness, humility,

GROUP B: gentleness, and patience,

LEADER 1: accepting one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a complaint against another.

ALL: Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.

LEADER 2: (*sadly*) But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.

LEADER 1: Be kind and compassionate to one another,

ALL: forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

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LEADER 2: (*looking upward*) You, Lord, are kind and ready to forgive, rich in faithful love to all who call on You.

ALL: Because of Your name, Yahweh, forgive our sin, for it is great.

LEADER 1: (*looking upward*) With You there is forgiveness, so that You may be revered.

ALL: How joyful are those whose lawless acts are forgiven and whose sins are covered!

GROUP A: When we were dead in our sins, Jesus made us alive with Him and forgave us all our trespasses.

GROUP B: Jesus erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us,

GROUP A: He has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross.

GROUP B: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

GROUP A: We have redemption in Jesus through His blood,

GROUP B: the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

GROUP A: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins

GROUP B: and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

ALL: Forgive because you have been forgiven.