

**40 Days of Prayer: Pray Like This**  
**Prayer As Confession**  
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**Key Verse of the Day**

*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12 NIV*

**Key Thought of the Day**

When we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins our moral debt is canceled and we find forgiveness in Christ.

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*Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Luke 11:4 NIV*

**Pray Like This...**

1. By understanding that in Jesus Christ your debt due to sin has been fully \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ's work on the cross.

*When you were dead in your sins... God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:13-15 NIV*

**Pray Like This...**

2. By \_\_\_\_\_ and repenting of your sins.

*...forgive us our debts...*

*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 NIV*

*2 Samuel 12*

*Psalms 51:1-12*

**Psalm 51 Teaches...**

- Confession and repentance bring us relief from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Psalm 51:1-4 NIV*

## Don't Miss This!

Sin is a crushing weight, but confession and repentance is a soothing balm to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Confession and repentance removes our shame when we claim the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grab This!

Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by His father on the cross as he bore our sins so that we could be accepted by the Father.

*For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT*

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Psalm 51:7-9 NIV

- Confession and repentance \_\_\_\_\_ us to enjoy God's blessings.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:10-12 NIV

## Grab This!

When we confess... when we repent... we \_\_\_\_\_ the sacrifice of Christ and demonstrate our desire to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

## Pray Like This...

3. By forgiving others with the same \_\_\_\_\_ that God has forgiven you.

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*You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.*

*And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things.*

*Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? Romans 2:1-4 NIV*

## The Bottom Line

If we are going to ask God to forgive us for the wrongs we have done to \_\_\_\_\_, we better be willing to forgive the wrongs others have done to \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Challenge

Is there currently anything in your life that you need to confess and repent?