

Series: Living with Integrity
Forgiveness and Grace

Say this prayer with me and daily to remove any forgiveness and sin in your life:

Heavenly Father,
Help give me the guidance to forgive people in my life that is hard to forgive
Let us forgive each other for our sins that we have not forgave for our sins
Let us forgive others our sins so you can forgive us and let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven.
Get the demons and devil out of us
Get the devil and demons out of people to help more seek God in their life and find a loyal church home.
I ask you to get the devil out of my life and lead me to the path of righteousness and my heart can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.
Get our minds and soul out of hell forever
In Jesus name, Amen

I want to continue to say that I still never forgive my family members for putting me in homelessness in 2011 while I was an undergraduate at DePaul University. I had to continue and pursue my higher education while living at a homeless shelter in Chicago, such as Pacific Garden Mission and Olive Branch Mission. I have forgiven other people that hurt me in the past and present, but I still hold the situation as a burden over my head when my mother causes me to lead to homelessness for the first time at Pacific Garden Mission. My mother kept me in homelessness while being too controlling with my SSI benefits when I was in Chicago. Only time I was able to get my own apartment for the first time was when I left the state and moved to Iowa and beyond. That is the only burden of forgiveness I hold over my head today and that is it.

I hope I will be able to finally forgive my mother and father in the future for what they put me through and put me into poverty. My stepfather is guilty because he let her take money out of my SSI income at the time illegally. SSI income is only supposed to be used on the person that is receiving the benefits to make sure their living expenses and permanent housing is paid for. That is why I said in previous sermons that my mother and stepfather along with my mother's side of the family and stepfather's side of the family care about themselves. I am preaching on this topic because we need to learn how to be forgiving to others and not building so much hurt on others. I agree with social service organizations and those case managers at social service organizations that people dealing with any depression and have burdens in their need to be open to talking to professionals. My church started the monthly Youth Seminars to help the youth and be a problem among youth that are dealing with depression to teach them how to be responsible for their actions, depression, oppression, mental health, bipolar, substance abuse and anxiety disorders.

We need to keep our faith in God stronger so as christians are hearts can continue to grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

I want to explain two things that christians and Muslims have in common according to the bible and Quran.

1. Do not despair at the mercy of God.
2. Believe God is merciful
3. Need to be forgiving towards others so they can let God guide them and let them see what God has in store for them in their life.
4. Understand what God loves and what God hates
5. Repentance
6. Being a cheerful giver
7. Living under God grace is receiving rewards from God