

Lord's Day 51

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness – Of Prayer

Question 126

Which is the fifth petition?

Answer

*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;*¹ that is, be pleased for the sake of Christ's blood, not to impute to us poor sinners our transgressions, nor that depravity which always cleaves to us;² even as we feel this evidence of Thy grace in us, that it is our firm resolution from the heart to forgive our neighbor.³

1 Matt. 6:12

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2 Ps. 51:1

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

1 John 2:1, 2

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 Matt. 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.