

PRAYER

GOD, THANK YOU FOR BEING A LOVING PRESENCE IN MY LIFE.
I PRAY THAT YOU WILL BECOME THE THIRD CORD IN THE RELATIONSHIP
AND BEGIN TO WRAP THE RELATIONSHIP IN YOUR LOVE.
HELP ME TO DISCERN YOUR WILL IN THIS RELATIONSHIP, AND NOT MY WILL.
LET ME BEGIN TO LET GO AND TO LET GOD. LET ME FIND PEACE. AMEN.

4. STEP FOUR: BEGIN TO FORGIVE

God does not ask us to be perfect, all He asks of us is to be perfectly human. As humans, each of us will make mistakes, and stumble and fall. We are all sinners saved by grace. Therefore, you must learn how to live in the midst of broken promises, broken dreams, and broken relationships. You must learn to forgive and learn how to move on with your life.

If you desire to have a relationship with God, we are taught that we must forgive others.

If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go, first be reconciled to your brother and sister, and then come and offer thy gift. MATTHEW 5:24

One of my favorite prayers is: "Father, forgive me for expecting in others that which I can only expect in the Divine." Do you expect others to be divinely perfect? Do you expect *yourself* to be divinely perfect? God only asks you to be perfectly human. And in your human imperfection, you must come to understand that we are all sinners saved by the grace of God.

Still, you may ask how can you possibly love a person who may have caused you such great harm or who appears to wish you only ill will? Or how to forgive those little slights that have culminated into a larger rejection? My response is to love the God in that person, reject the actions, and pray for the person.