

JUNE 12, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Forgiveness leads to love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 7:36—8:3	A woman anoints Jesus' feet
Monday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 30:1-27	The people are forgiven
Wednesday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
Thursday	John 8:1-11	Jesus forgives a woman
Friday	Luke 5:17-26	Jesus forgives sins and heals
Saturday	Psalms 130	Prayer for mercy
Sunday	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away.

Psalms 32:1 (CEV)

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, you have shown us great forgiveness. Help us to show great love. Amen. (Luke 7:47)

Mealtime Prayer:

God so gracious, God so great, we thank you God for cup and plate. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Blessed are you, whose sins are forgiven. Rejoice and shout for joy. Go out this day with love for God and all that God has created. Amen.



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Recall a time when someone forgave you. How did you feel?
- Is it sometimes hard to forgive others? Why?
- What does God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus mean to you?
- Jesus said a person who has been forgiven loves much. How does God's forgiveness affect your relationships with others?

DEVOTIONS

Psalms 32:1 reads, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven" (NRSV). The woman in Luke 7:36-50 expresses her joy over being forgiven by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Talk about the ways God's forgiveness frees your life to love God, others, and creation.

Conclude by offering this blessing to one another:

"Blessed are you (person's name), whose sins are forgiven. Rejoice and shout for joy. Go out this day with love for God and all that God has created. Amen."

SERVICE

Ask each person in your home or small group to name a person who has shown love to him or her. Plan an act of kindness to show love in return.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the story of the woman who anoints Jesus' feet, Jesus offers a number of examples from his cultural setting of how to welcome another person into one's home. Hospitality is an important act of love and service, as well as being a Christian tradition. Consider any of the following ways of welcoming others into your home:

- Greet visitors with the words, "**Peace be with you.**"
- If a meal is included in the visit, light a candle and say, "**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**"
- Read and discuss a Bible passage.
- Sing or pray Christian hymns or praise songs.
- Ask for prayer requests and offer a prayer that ends with the Lord's Prayer.
- Offer a blessing as people depart.



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