

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 119:65-72*
Exodus 12:14-42
Matthew 6:7-15

Today's Scripture Verse: *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14-15)*

What it means: This warning immediately follows the words of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew's Gospel. It is a stern reminder that the petition in the prayer is "Forgive us our debts *as we also* have forgiven our debtors." Forgiveness is given to those who believe in forgiving. This is also the subject of a parable that is next Sunday's Gospel reading.

Our time of prayer: Gracious God, may we be as forgiving of others as we expect you to be of us.

