



The water that I will give them will
become a spring of water within,
welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14

Parent Prayer Sheet – 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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In this weekend's Gospel reading (**Matthew 18:21–35**), Peter asks Jesus a very relatable question: how many times must we forgive someone who hurts us? When Peter suggests a generous seven times, Jesus responds with the striking answer of "seventy-seven times"—teaching us that true forgiveness has no limit.

Jesus then shares the parable of the unforgiving servant to remind us of the immense patience and mercy God constantly shows to each of us. When we realize how deeply loved and forgiven we are, it becomes much easier to extend that same grace to others.

How We Can Live This Out Together

- **In the Classroom:** Our teachers are using this week's theme to help children navigate playground disagreements, encouraging them to listen to one another, apologize sincerely, and make a fresh start.
- **At Home:** You can support this at home by talking through everyday squabbles with your children, helping them see that saying "I'm sorry" and choosing to forgive are powerful ways to bring peace to our families.
- **A Family Prayer:** Consider taking a quiet moment this week to thank God for His endless patience with us, and ask for the strength to be forgiving friends to those around us.

Prayer:

Loving God,
Thank you for your boundless mercy and the infinite patience you show us, even when we fall short. You know the human heart, and you know how easily we hold onto grievances, hurt, and pride.
Grant us the grace to truly understand the depth of the forgiveness we have received from you, so that we may freely extend it to others. When we are tested by frustration, impatience, or the actions of those around us, soften our hearts. Give us the wisdom and humility to let go of grudges, to bridge divides, and to choose reconciliation over resentment.
Help us to be living examples of your unconditional love for the children in our care - modelling how to apologize sincerely, forgive genuinely, and walk through life with grace and peace.
Amen.

