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Moment to
Pray for
Peace!*



Forgiveness

Lord, sometimes it is the people closest to us we hurt the most.

Sometimes we don't know . . .

Sometimes we hurt without thinking . . .

Sometimes our own hurt or frustration gets the better of us and we speak or act without a thought for anyone else.

Sometimes we hurt on purpose;
to get back at 'them',

because we get too set in our ways;

because we put being 'right' above all else;

because we cannot admit we could be wrong,

because we think of ourselves as better than everyone else.

Save us from these sins of self-righteousness.

Remind us again that each of us is but one small part of the community of believers;

that it is through the study of Your Word and prayer in and with the community of faith that we learn your will.

Open our hearts to your still small voice.

Remind us again that love is more powerful than hate.

Remind us again that there is more power in the act of forgiveness than in all the weapons people can devise;

because all weapons of hate tear down the Body of Christ.

Remind us again that it is forgiveness that builds up the Body and all those within it because forgiveness is an act of Christ-like love! Amen

This week pray for:

- The continuing plight of refugees and other displaced persons around the world.
- Nigeria. Rebuilding continues and the church is growing, but violence continues. Some recent attacks have involved looting and theft by Boko Haram arriving in military dress and vehicles. More people have been killed and more have had to flee their homes.
- People living with war; those making a living from war, and those who see violence as the only way to solve problems

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