

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES



Peace of the Lord be
with you

And also with you

WELCOME WORDS

We have gathered in the name
of
God the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit
to worship together and think
about
our value of **FORGIVENESS**





Lent

*Be truly glad.
There is wonderful joy ahead!*
1 Peter 1:6



Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter when Christians reflect on the loving sacrifice of Jesus as he prepared to give his life on the cross for us. During Lent we may give up certain foods or activities as an act of self-denial in order to better understand in some small way what self-giving means. It is a time of heartsearching, when we ask God to forgive our failings and renew our commitment to loving service.

FORGIVENESS

JUST AS THE LORD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU
MUST ALSO FORGIVE OTHERS

COLOSSIANS 3:13

HOLD ON TO FORGIVENESS, COMMAND WHAT IS
RIGHT, AND TURN AWAY FROM THE IGNORANT.

[QUR'AN, 7:199]



Forgiveness is...

Forgetting the hurts

Offering a new beginning

Restoring a friendship

Given and received

Identifying responsibility

Valuing the truth

Ending an argument

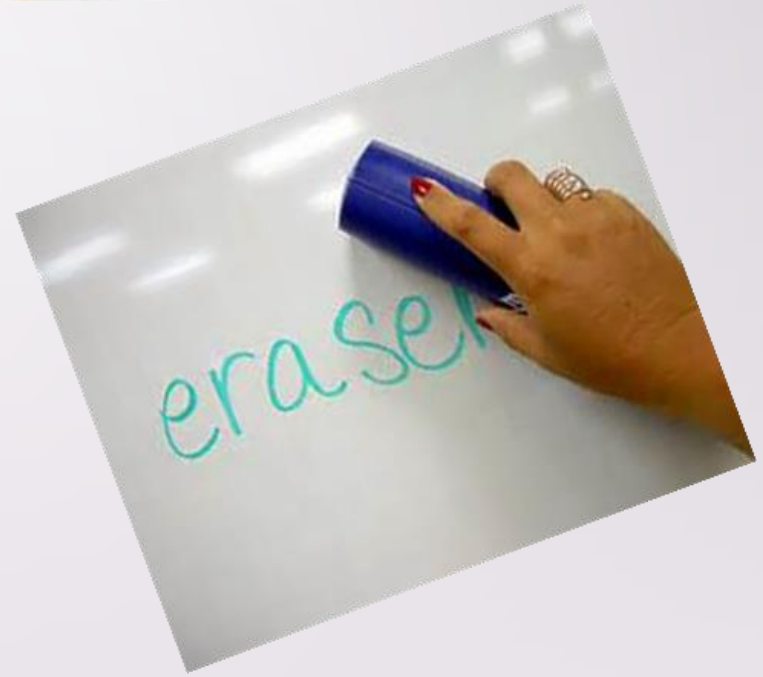
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Encouraging honesty

Saying sorry

Starting again







FORGIVENESS



God forgives us completely
when we say sorry to him
and he gives us a fresh
start - a clean slate !!



True forgiveness
is like wiping
the slate clean





REFLECTION

God's forgiveness has no limits



Forgiveness

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."
Matthew 18:21-22



How many times should we forgive a person?... As many times as you would like Allah to forgive you.

Lord, How Many Times Should I Forgive My Brother?

70 X 7

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Which of the lines in the poem shows real forgiveness?

Is it always easy to forgive?

Do you offer a fresh start to others when they say sorry to you?



Prayer



Dear Lord,

Thank you that you offer **FORGIVENESS** to all, through Jesus.

Sorry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry to others or not quick enough to **FORGIVE**.

Please help us to ask for **FORGIVENESS** when we make a mistake and to accept an apology kindly.

In Jesus's name,

Amen





RESPONSE AND CHALLENGE



If someone hurts or upsets you,
think about how you can show them
you forgive them.

When they say sorry, can you say
back to them ' I forgive you'



RESPONSE AND

CHALLENGE

Write a Teaspoon Prayer to help
you think about FORGIVENESS

Think about how you can use

Thank you, Sorry and Please when
asking for forgiveness or forgiving
someone else.





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BLOWING OUT THE CANDLES



Peace of the Lord be
with you

And also with you

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all, evermore.
Amen