THE LORD'S PRAYER Part 5: THE PARDON OF PRAYER

WHY WE NEED THIS PRAYER:

1. All of God's children sin.

Romans 3:23 NIV For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

I John 1:8 NIV
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

WHY WE NEED THIS PRAYER:

2. Sin produces guilt and condemnation.

3. Unconfessed sin will hinder our fellowship with God.

HOW CAN I RECEIVE FORGIVENESS?

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed (happy) is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, (when I refused to face my sin and deal with it) my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. (David was absolutely miserable inside). Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:1-5 NIV

Step 1:

I Must Acknowledge my sin.

Then I <u>acknowledged</u> my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

Psalm 32:5 NIV

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Psalm 51:6 ESV

But you want complete honesty, so teach me true wisdom.

Psalm 51:6 CEV

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13

Step 2:

I Must Confess & Repent For My Sin.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Psalm 32:5 NIV The word "confess" means to "say the same thing God says."

The word "repent" means "to have a change of mind that leads to a change of behavior."

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. Luke 15:17-20 NIV

3 Types of Repentance

- Pharaoh repentance: I repent until the pressure is off.
- Judas repentance: I'm remorseful but not repentant.
- David repentance: A true and sincere repentance from the heart.

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Cor 7:10 NIV

Step 3:

I Must Believe & Receive God's Forgiveness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1

John 1:9 NIV

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17 NKJV