

Day 18 — Forgive

MAKE ROOM FOR GOD'S HEART | PRAYER & FASTING

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for meeting me with mercy. You know every part of my heart, including the places I have not yet learned how to surrender. Thank You for forgiving me through Christ, not because I have earned Your grace, but because You are loving and compassionate.

Lord, as I seek Your face, teach me to forgive as You have forgiven me. Clothe me with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Where bitterness has begun to take root, help me make room for Your peace. Where anger still rises, teach me to bring it honestly before You instead of allowing it to direct my choices.

Give me wisdom to distinguish forgiveness from reconciliation, and mercy from the absence of boundaries. Help me release vengeance without denying the truth of what happened. I do not need to pretend that pain was harmless in order to trust You with it.

Guard my thoughts, Father. Do not let fear, resentment, or distorted ideas about You lead me away from Your heart. When I face temptation or testing, strengthen me to choose truth over assumption, compassion over cruelty, and obedience over the desire to hold on to a debt.

As You provide my daily bread, remind me that You are also the source of the grace and strength I need today. Keep me from making my peace dependent on another person's understanding or response. Teach me to trust You with what I cannot change.

More than anything, Lord, I want to know Your heart. Let the forgiveness I have received shape the way I live, pray, and love. Make room in me for what reflects You, and help me surrender what does not.

In Jesus' name, Amen.