Praying Towards Forgiveness

Show me Lord how to pray to forgive this hurt so deep
Leaving open wounds forever salted by the tears I weep
How do I love this enemy who so often brings me pain
Constant clouds of persecution, expected just like rain
Over and over I have tried to turn the other cheek
All this turning of my face has left me very weak
It's not that I haven't faced the hurt or recognized the pain
I guess because You do not hear a proyer that's made in vain
Many times I've brought this all before you Lord, and laid it at your throne
I've spilled my guts, emptied my heart and lifted up my soul
Not ours to know the reason why or to fully understand
So Jesus lend me Your forgiveness as I take my enemy's hand
I'll pray for him as he is or whatever you want him to be
And only when my heart forgives am I totally free

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