

FR.TK REFLECTIONS 24th SUNDAY YEAR A 2026.

FORGIVENESS

Bearing in mind last Sunday we had very sensitive theme on **fraternal correction**, which is still very flesh in our memory. Correction is something **we all love to do but we don't care to receive**. Today's reflection is something **we love to receive but we find it very hard to do and this is forgiveness**.

The theme is very CLEAR and straightforward that we MUST FORGIVE.

FORGIVENESS is the most difficult element in our life's as human being and more so Christians.

Our reading today takes that route. Our first reading talks of DESIRE TO REVENGE and REFUSAL to FORGIVE. Who has wronged us thus too making us unworthy of God's MERCY and Forgiveness.

The Gospel on the other hand takes us to a nice tour of one *DOUBLE FACED CHARACTER who is pleading to a extent of throwing himself down in search of time and space to pay his DEBT in Time and the good Master forwent all that by Cancelling his BIG DEBT,,* What a good master and what a RECIPROCATE did this character show by pinning down his fellow servant. Imagine *SEIZING his throat squeezing the hell out of the poor fellow servant in demand of the payment after Himself having been forgiven his much debt. He pleaded for Mercy and was granted to him and forgiveness he ought to have extended the same to his fellow worker.*

Each of us all stand in need of God's mercy and forgiveness hence called to extend the same to those who have wronged us.

We shouldn't be like that character who acted in such inhuman manner.

He had already taken an ACTION-by being unfair immediately after he was forgiven very, flesh memories lingered in his mind hence his action were very much premeditated and meditated thus putting them in reality.

The plead for the poor chap landed on *DEAF EARS of this character even after his debt was cancelled and written off.*

Don't we do the same to others really?

Don't we Not go to God seeking for MERCY and FORGIVENESS.

Don't we not keep on remembering what others have done to us, wronged us,

Don't we not keep on seeking revenge thus not forgiving?

Do we really show gratitude to God for forgiving us by forgiving others and forgetting?

Don't we not prove UNGRATEFUL by being UNMINDFUL numerous times we have failed to forgive our offenders and those who have wronged us?

Are we not moved by COMPASSION and MERCY like our Heavenly Father who is always merciful and forgiving knowing the fact that his mercy has *NO LIMIT and BOUNDARIES?*

Obviously none of us can go through life without being HURT in so long as he /she is a human being on this EARTH, full of people who are UNIQUE in their own ways and we have to interact with them.

People LET US DOWN, GOSSIPS, CHARACTER assassinate, BETRAY our CONFIDENCE, and become STUMBLING BLOCKS in our life how do we react to these?

Do we seek refuge in SELF-PITY, DEFENSIVE thus resulting to REVENGE, RESENTMENTS BITTERNESS and ANGER which most of the time will sink our souls making PERMANENT LODGING and RESIDENCE in us thus leading us to UNFORGIVING?

We need to clean our inner souls out of those extra BAGGAGE'S above which most of the time are too expensive to carry and too HEAVY burdening our SOULS depriving us of SLEEP, APPETITE and PEACE.

Lack of forgiveness is the main cause of these SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, STRESS and DEPRESSIONS. It is just too DRAINING and EXPENSIVE TO HATE-and TOO RELIEVING to forgive.

Whenever we forgive we experience great FREEDOM RELIEF and Cleanliness.

We are set free

We devote our energy in loving once more

Forgiveness works wonders to both parties sets the debtor free of REMORSE and GUILTY thus experiencing JOY of being forgiven.

If we don't forgive a person we put him/her in CHAINS and in DARKNESS so it too affects us.

Forgiveness gives PEACE, JOYS UNDERSTANDING and creates NEW RELATIONSHIP.

We MUST FORGIVE WITH HUMILITY it clears the path for God's forgiveness and mercy.

The only OBSTACLE we can put on the way for God's forgiveness is INABILITY to forgive.

ONE WHO DOESN'T FORGAVE AND LOVE IS LIKE A LAMP THAT DOESN'T GIVE LIGHT.

LET US FORGIVE ALL and ALWAYS LIKE OUR LOVING MERCIFUL FORGIVING FATHER.

