Scriptures on Forgiveness and a Prayer

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.. Romans 12:14

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"12:19 Deut. 32:35 says the Lord. Romans 12: 17-19

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14

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

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. Mark 11:25

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

A prayer

Father, forgive us the wrongs we have done as we ourselves release forgiveness to those who have wronged us.

You have graciously forgiven me, and because of Your love and forgiveness, I choose to graciously forgive others in the depths of Christ's love.

Because of Your great love, I'm asking You for the grace to walk out the decision to forgive. Father, I choose to forgive the betrayal of even my intimate friends—those with whom I once worshiped in unity as one.

As a follower of Jesus, I choose to love my enemy and bless the one who curses me. Holy Spirit, show me something wonderful that I can do for the one who hates me. Rather than reacting, I choose to respond to the very ones who persecute me by praying for them.

Father, not only will I pray for _____, but I set myself to treat him/her well (do good and act nobly toward him/her).

I will be merciful, sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate toward _____, even as You are, Father.

My desire is to be an imitator of You, and I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me.

Father, thank You that I have great peace in this situation, for I love Your law and refuse to take offense toward ______. Jesus, I am blessed—happy [with life—joy, and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation apart from outward conditions] and to be envied because I take no offense in You and refuse to be hurt or resentful or annoyed or repelled or made to stumble, whatever may occur.

And now, Father, I roll this work upon You—commit and trust it wholly to You; and I believe that You will cause my thoughts to become in agreement to Your will, and so my plans shall be established and succeed. In Jesus' name, amen.

> ***Prayer from Germaine Copeland, Author of Prayers that Availeth Much

