

## **FA23. Praying for God's Forgiveness.**

*We are to pray for God's forgiveness.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

Matthew 6:12

*Forgive us what we have done wrong, as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us.*

Luke 11:4

*Forgive us our sins, for we too forgive everyone who has wronged us. And do not lead us to hard testing.*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

Luke 23:34

Acts 2:38, 3:19

Colossians 1:14

1 John 1:9

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

BA36 Embracing Yeshua's Sacrifice for Forgiveness, Righteousness, and Redemption

GA02 Seeking Forgiveness of Sins in Yeshua

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Numbers 14:19-20

*"Please! Forgive the offense of this people according to the greatness of your grace, just as you have borne with this people from Egypt until now." ADONAI answered, "I have forgiven, as you have asked.)*

Psalms 32:5

*When I acknowledged my sin to you, when I stopped concealing my guilt, and said, "I will confess my offenses to ADONAI"; then you, you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Selah)*

### **Comment**

On searching the Scriptures, we encounter two kinds of prayers for forgiveness; they are (1) prayers to forgive us for sins we have committed against God and our fellow man, and (2) prayers for God to forgive others for sins they have committed. Regarding our personal sins, Colossians 1:14 assures us: *"It is through his Son that we have redemption- that is, our sins have*

*been forgiven.*” But that is not to say that we have no part to play in it. Yeshua’s forgiveness is there for the taking, but we must reach out and take it.

There are five things we must do to take it. First, we must be in right relationship with Yeshua – that is, know him as the Son of God and receive him as our Lord and Messiah. Second, we must be repentant of any sin for which we want forgiveness; that means we must be truly sorry that we have sinned. Third, as part of our repentance we must express our sorrow and ask forgiveness of anyone we have hurt through our sin. Fourth, if at all possible, we must make restitution for any injury our sin may have caused, and fifth: We must pray for God’s forgiveness, keeping in mind that sins committed against persons are sins committed against God.

**Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

None