

The Heidelberg Catechism

126. What is the fifth petition?

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;” that is, be pleased, for the sake of Christ’s blood, not to impute to us miserable sinners our manifold transgressions, nor the evil which always cleaves to us;¹ as we also find this witness of Your grace in us, that it is our full purpose heartily to forgive our neighbor.²

¹ Ps 51:1-7, 143:2; Rom 8:1; 1 Jn 2:1-2; ² Ps 51:5-7; Mt 6:14-15, 18:21-35; Eph 1:7