

LESSON 27: FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

Memory work q&a 126-127 OR Hymn 63:6 & 7

126.Q. What is the fifth petition?

A. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

That is:

For the sake of Christ's blood,
do not impute to us, wretched sinners;
any of our transgressions,
nor the evil which still clings to us,
as we also find this evidence of Your grace in us
that we are fully determined
wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbour.

127.Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is:

In ourselves we are so weak
that we cannot stand even for a moment.
Moreover, our sworn enemies –
the devil, the world, and our own flesh –
do not cease to attack us.
Will you, therefore,
uphold and strengthen us
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat,
but always firmly resist our enemies,
until we finally obtain the complete victory.

Hymn 63:6,7

6. Do not our sins and debts record,
but freely pardon them, O Lord.
Cleanse us from all our wretchedness
through Christ, whose blood was shed
for us –
as, prompted by the grace you give,
our neighbours' debts we, too, forgive.

7. Into temptation lead us not,
lest we in Satan's snares be caught.
Uphold us by your Spirit's might;
put mortal enemies to flight.
May we against our foes contend
and be victorious in the end.

Homework

1.(3) Find three prayers in the Bible that are focused on forgiveness of sins. (Hint: psalms are prayers)

2.(3) Why do our sins upset God so much? _____

3.(4) Would it be right to pray in the morning "Lord, please forgive us the sins we will be doing today?" _____ because _____
