

But Peter said, "Man I do not know what you are talking about." At that moment, while he was still speaking, a cock crew; and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter . . . and Peter went outside and wept bitterly.

I had a fairly good relationship with the Lord. I would ask him for things, converse with him, praise him, thank him . . . But always I had this uncomfortable feeling that he wanted me to look into his eyes . . . And I would not. I would talk, but look away when I sensed he was looking at me.

I always looked away. And I knew why. I was afraid. I thought I should find an accusation there of some unrepented sin. I thought I should find a demand there: there would be something he wanted from me.

One day I finally summoned up courage and looked! There was no accusation. There was no demand. The eyes just said, "I love you." I looked long into those eyes. I looked searchingly. Still, the only message was, "I love you."

And I walked out and, like Peter, I wept.

**Let us pray that those who have the right and privilege to forgive will find the grace to forgive.**

**"Father,  
Forgive Them**

*"Forgive us for the times  
we pretend  
that the way we love you  
and each other  
is good enough."*

● It is far better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember.

*We have been forgiven a great deal. How can we hold a grudge?*

**VERY PERSONAL ATTITUDE** A Sunday School Class was asked, "Who was sorry to see the prodigal son come home?"

One little boy answered, "The fatted calf."

**'We have to overcome all the hate'**

● A wise man of Athens was asked when injustice would be abolished. "When those who are not wronged feel as indignant as those who are," he said.

**“He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.”**

**Confucius** (551?-479 B.C.)

**“Reconciliation will not be effective without a willingness to forgive.”**

● We can stop forgiving others when Christ stops forgiving us.