

## Prayer and Mediation on Luke 23:34



**Reader 1**

**"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."**

**Reader 2**

Lord Jesus  
you looked down from the cross  
at those who had beaten you, laughed at you,  
cursed you,  
and you saw the terrible eyes of your enemies  
watching, waiting for you to die.

Yet  
Beyond the hatred, beyond the violence,  
of those desperate men  
you saw your Father's love  
for them.

And you responded in love and said:  
"Father, forgive them;  
they do not know what they are doing."

**Reader 1**

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other as well.... Love your enemies and do good to them... then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Luke 6: 27-36

**Reader 2**

Lord Jesus  
when my enemies  
are watching, waiting for me to fall  
let me not be blinded by pain and anger  
so much that I can no longer  
love them.

Give me resurrection eyes  
that I might see  
even my enemies  
as our merciful Father sees them.

**All:** The Lord's Prayer

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