

**I ask that I may let God's merciful forgiveness fill my days.**

In my own words, what I ask is . . .



*[This loved one of mine] was lost and has now been found.' And they began to celebrate.* Luke 15:24

Reading

Brackley – 3. The Reality of Evil pp. 20-28

“Evil hides under a pile of ‘virtues,’ wreaking havoc in the name of freedom, property rights, national security, and religion” (p. 21).

Creighton – 8. God's Love for Us—Forgiving Mercy pp. 59-64

Suggestions

Start with the photo of “the embrace,” going to it often and maybe staying with it once for a long time (“This is the week . . . holding me like that” [p. 61]).

Ponder how God must rejoice in your coming to know how much God gives forgiving love.

God's forgiving mercy —experience it, accept it, celebrate it.

Scripture

Hosea 14:2-9 *Ponder when a phrase or verse “speaks” to you.*

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Summing up the week: How do I want to respond to the one who has loved me so much? Do I have a “ritual,” a gesture to express to God or Jesus what I feel?

Journaling: Write about reflections that you want to hold on to.

Group meeting: From my praying the Sp. Exs. this week (which might simply amount to “from living my life in a reflective way this week), what do I want to bring to the group?