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**P: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.**

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## Opening Prayer

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for dealing so honestly with us. We know you do not show us these things in order to leave us feeling condemned and guilty, but rather that we might take again of the riches of grace, once again hear the word of the great King, "All is forgiven." In the glory of that restored relationship, realizing that this vast debt has been set aside on our behalf, we can turn to our brother and say, "I'll forget it," and live, Lord, as you have lived toward us. We pray this may find its application in practical ways in the lives of each one of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## Sending Forth

Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace. Amen.

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