- 1 Born in November 1821, Dostoyevsky became one of Russia's finest writers. His book called 'The Brothers Karamazov' is considered to be one of the world's greatest pieces of literature. The book is a murder mystery which sets the scene for the struggle of good and evil.
- 2 In that novel, a character speaks to a woman who has committed a serious crime and is about to die: "No-one can commit a sin so great as to exhaust the infinite love of God. Can there be a sin which could exceed the love of God? Believe that God loves you as you cannot conceive, that he loves you with your sin and in your sin. All things are atoned for, all things are saved by love. If I, a sinner, even as you are, am tender with you and have pity on you, how much more will God."
- 3 Let us pray:

Loving Lord, you tell us in the Bible that whatever wrong we have done you tread down our faults to the bottom of the sea. Mic 719 We know there is no need to keep thinking about what we have done in the past, Is 4318 because you pardon the wrongs we have done, and you delight in showing mercy. Mic 718 You bind up all our wounds Ps 1473 and you renew us by your love. Zeph 317

4 Lord, you love all that you have made, Wis 11²⁴ and it is your very nature to love and forgive.

Lead us to be generous
in accepting and forgiving others
in the same way
as you accept and forgive us.

Amen.

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