

## Ministry Theme Quotes for September: Forgiveness

- September 1- Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. Mark Twain
- Sept. 2 - Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom. Hannah Arendt
- Sept. 3 - Forgiveness means letting go of the past. Gerald Jampolsky
- Sept 4. - "When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free." Katherine Ponder
- Sept. 5 - "There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love." Bryant H. McGill
- Sept. 6 - "A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers." Robert Quillen
- Sept. 7 - "Sincere forgiveness isn't colored with expectations that the other person apologize or change. Don't worry whether or not they finally understand you. Love them and release them. Life feeds back truth to people in its own way and time-just like it does for you and me." - Sara Paddison
- Sept. 8 - "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you." Louis B. Smedes
- Sept. 9 - "We are all on a life long journey and the core of its meaning, the terrible demand of its centrality is forgiving and being forgiven." Martha Kilpatrick
- Sept. 10 - "To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness." - Robert Muller
- Sept. 11 - "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." Mahatma Gandhi
- Sept. 12 - "Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting." William Arthur Ward
- Sept. 13 - "Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future." Paul Boese
- Sept. 14 - "It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend." - William Blake
- Sept. 15. - "If you can't forgive and forget, pick one." Robert Brault

Sept. 16. - "He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass."  
George Herbert

Sept 17. - "Without forgiveness life is governed by... an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation."  
Roberto Assagioli

Sept. 18 - "Forgiving does not erase the bitter past. A healed memory is not a deleted memory. Instead, forgiving what we cannot forget creates a new way to remember. We change the memory of our past into a hope for our future."  
Louis B. Smedes

Sept. 19 - "Life is an adventure in forgiveness."  
Norman Cousins

Sept. 20 - "Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom."  
Hannah Arendt

Sept. 21 - "Forgiveness is a virtue of the brave."  
Indira Gandhi

Sept. 22 - "Genuine forgiveness does not deny anger but faces it head-on."  
Alice Duer Miller

Sept. 23 - "As long as you don't forgive, who and whatever it is will occupy a rent-free space in your mind." -  
Isabelle Holland

Sept. 24 - "Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were."  
Cherie Carter-Scott

Sept. 25 - "Only the brave know how to forgive. ... A coward never forgave; it is not in his nature."  
Laurence Sterne

Sept. 26 - Let us forgive each other – only then will we live in peace.  
Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy

Sept. 27 - "Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude."  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sept. 28 - "I wondered if that was how forgiveness budded; not with the fanfare of epiphany, but with pain gathering its things, packing up, and slipping away unannounced in the middle of the night."  
Khaled Hosseini

Sept. 29 - "The willingness to forgive is a sign of spiritual and emotional maturity. It is one of the great virtues to which we all should aspire. Imagine a world filled with individuals willing both to apologize and to accept an apology. Is there any problem that could not be solved among people who possessed the humility and largeness of spirit and soul to do either -- or both -- when needed?"  
Gordon B. Hinckley,

Sept. 30 - Forgiveness is the finishing of old business that allows us to experience the present free of contamination from the past

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