

Reconciliation Parent/Adult Catechesis 5:1

Reflections on Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the key to action
and freedom.

—Hannah Arendt

Those who forgive most shall be
most forgiven.

—Festus Bailey

He that cannot forgive others breaks the
bridge over which he must pass himself; for
every man has need to be forgiven.

—Lord Herbert

Home is where hearts open and forgiveness
and acceptance are the rule.

—Kall

Good-nature and good sense must ever join;
To err is human, to forgive, divine.

—Alexander Pope

Humanity is never so beautiful as
when praying for forgiveness, or else
forgiving another.

—Jean P.F. Richter

Pardon, not wrath, is God's best attribute.

—Bayard Taylor, *Temptation of Hassan*
Ben Khaled

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy;
Revening one makes you but even
with him;

Forgiving it sets you above him.

—Benjamin, Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanac*

A wise man will make haste to forgive,
because he knows the true value of time,
and will not suffer it to pass away in
unnecessary pain.

—Samuel Johnson

One pardons in the degree that one loves.

—Francois, Duc de la Rochefoucauld,
Maximes no. 330

The whole power of the sacrament of
Penance consists in restoring us to God's
grace and joining us with him in an
intimate friendship. (*Catechism of the Catholic*
Church, 1468)