

# Prayer of forgiveness

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ARTURO MARTINI, Forgiveness (1925-26)

O Lord, remember  
not only the men and women of good will,  
but also those of ill will.  
But do not remember  
all the suffering they have inflicted on us;  
remember the fruits we have bought,  
thanks to this suffering:  
our comradeship, our loyalty,  
our humility, our courage,  
our generosity, the greatness of heart  
which has grown out of all this,  
and when they come to judgement  
let all the fruits  
which we have borne  
be their forgiveness!

*Prayer  
written by an unknown  
prisoner  
in Ravensbruck concentration camp  
and left by the body  
of a dead child.*