Christ is our standard.

Luke 23:34 *Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.*

Luke 4:1-4  

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."  

And He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come."  

Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

We forgive to be forgiven.

Mark 11:25  

And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

We forgive because we have been forgiven.

Colossians 3:13  

bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Luke 17:3  

Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, "and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him.

Matthew 6:14-15  

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Ephesians 4:31-32  

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

AS GOD FORGIVES

Forgiveness is not a fruit of the spirit and it is not a spiritual gift.

It is not an emotion.

It's a thankful act of obedience.