

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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