

*STITCHES OF FAITH*  
**FORGIVENESS**

**Forgiveness is never earned but freely given through love  
A pure and living example from our Father up above  
Because of the cross we have God's forgiveness and grace  
For it was Jesus without blemish who died in our place.**

**"Father forgive them," was what John heard Him pray  
Interceding for us while slowly dying that day  
Mocked and cruelly scorned by the crowd down below  
Forgiveness to the criminal, He still would bestow.**

**It served as a reminder that forgiveness we'll not earn  
A lesson all God's children must carefully learn  
On the cross with Christ, our sinful souls did die  
An impossible debt to pay, though we constantly try.**

**I am He who blots out your sins and transgressions  
Through purity of heart and your humble confessions  
As far as east is from west, your sins I'll forgive  
Rejoice in that day, when with Me you will live.**



**(Yellow Rose of Texas quilted by Pearl Smyer)**

**Psalm 103: 12**

**As far as the east is from the west, so  
far has He removed our transgressions  
from us.**