

## Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

**Readings:** Micah 7.14-15, 18-20 – God who repents; Luke 15 15.1-3, 11-32 – A father's love.

**Reality:** A father lay dying in the hospital. The doctors gave him only a few more hours to live. The dying man had a final request that his son be called. Little did the hospital staff know that his son had not communicated with his father in more than a year. The son was contacted, and reluctantly he said he would come over to be with his father in his last moments. However, by the time the son arrived, the father had cardiac arrest and died. Standing by his father's bedside, buried his face around his father's neck. After what seemed like hours, he found a piece of paper on the table. His name was written on it in a very irregular and shaky script. He opened the paper and read the message which was blurred by his tears. The note read: "Dear, long, lost son. I forgive you. I hope you forgive me. I love you and I know you love me."

**Prayer:** Loving God may I never forget the following 11 words: "Thank you," "I love you," "Please forgive me," and "I forgive you."

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