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thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
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And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
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And lead us not into temptation;
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