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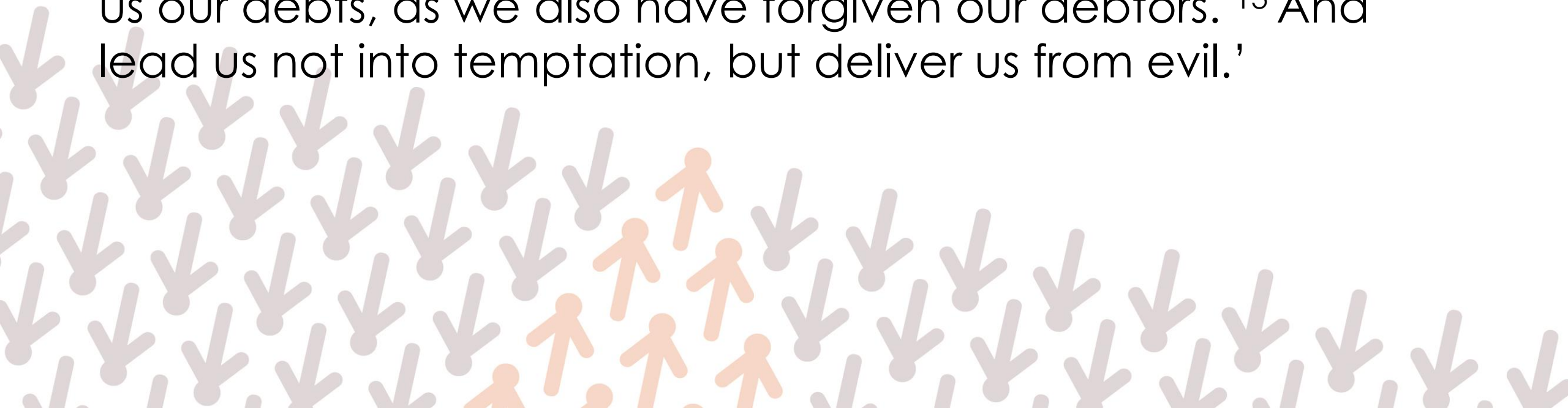
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Matthew 6:9–13

⁹ Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’



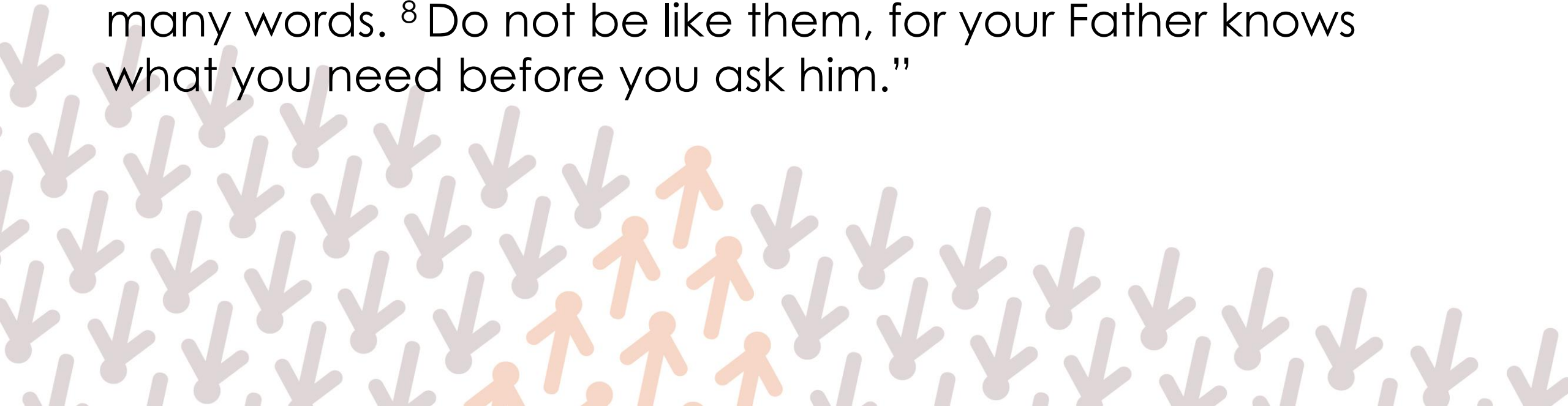
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1. Learning to trust God's fatherly care (6:7–8)

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4. Learning to imitate God's forgiving heart (6:14–15)

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Four Diagnostic Questions

1. Do I trust God's fatherly care?
2. Do I long for God's coming kingdom?
3. Do I rely on God's daily grace?
4. Do I forgive others like God forgives me?



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