

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Luke 11:4 (p. 1614)

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*[Jesus] said to them, "When you pray, say:
'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, for we also
forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.' "*

Luke 11:2-4

What this prayer says about me

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*

Luke 11:1

"Our Father which art in heaven:" a child away from home. "Hallowed be thy name:" a worshipper.

"Thy kingdom come:" a subject. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven:" a servant.

"Give us this day our daily bread:" a beggar. "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors:" a sinner.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:" a sinner in danger of being a greater sinner still.

Spurgeon's "Lead Us Not Into Temptation," Sermon No. 140

A short history of temptation

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.
He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"*

Genesis 3:1 (p. 5, see also Psalm 51)

*And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness
for forty days, being tempted by the devil . . . And when the devil had ended every temptation,
he departed from him until an opportune time.*

Luke 4:1-13 (p. 1595)

And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

*And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing,
remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."*

Luke 22:39-42 (p. 1637)

1) Temptation is _____

2) Temptation is _____

The sixth petition

“And lead us not into temptation.”

Luke 11:4

1) Recognizes my own _____

2) Looks forward to _____

Becoming the answer to this prayer

1) *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things.*

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith . . .

1 Timothy 6:11 (p. 1850)

Flee: _____

Pursue: _____

2) *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance*

James 1 (p. 1880, see 1:13 for the blessing)

Temptation is _____

3) *So if you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.*

But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry

1 Corinthians 10:12-14 (p. 1782)

Temptation happens when _____

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 52

Q 127. What does the sixth petition mean?

A. "And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one" means:

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment.¹

And our sworn enemies—the devil,² the world,³ and our own flesh—⁴ never stop attacking us.

And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle,⁵ but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.⁶

¹ Ps. 103:14-16; John 15:1-5 ² 2 Cor. 11:14; Eph. 6:10-13;

1 Pet. 5:8 ³ John 15:18-21 ⁴ Rom. 7:23; Gal. 5:17

⁵ Matt. 10:19-20; 26:41; Mark 13:33; Rom. 5:3-5

⁶ 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Thess. 3:13; 5:23

Luther's Shorter Catechism

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God certainly tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world and our own flesh may not deceive us nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome and retain the victory.

Resources

John Owen's classic treatment of forgiveness at <https://www.biblebb.com/files/owen/Owen-Temptations.htm>

Spurgeon's sermon on "Lead Us Not into Temptation" at <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/lead-us-not-into-temptation--2#flipbook/>

Deffinbaugh on temptation at <https://bible.org/seriespage/glory-god-and-idolatry>

Eric Raymond's comments at <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/mean-pray-thy-kingdom-come/>

Michael Horton's article at <https://www.monergism.com/thy-kingdom-come-0>

Allistair Begg's sermon at <https://www.truthforlife.org/resources/sermon/give-us-each-day/>

Greg Anderson's *Cancer and the Lord's Prayer* at https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/762254.Cancer_and_The_Lord_s_Prayer

Deffinbaugh's "Teach Us to Pray" message at <https://bible.org/seriespage/38-teach-us-pray-luke-111-13>

Augustine on the Lord's Prayer at <https://archive.org/details/sermonsonselecte16augu/page/90/mode/2up>

Horatio Bonar's "How Much More" at http://grace-ebooks.com/library/Horatus%20Bonar/HB_Light%20%26%20Truth%20Gospels.pdf

I like J. C. Ryle's short commentary on the Lord's Prayer at <https://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/111.html>

Keathley's "Principles of Prayer" at <https://bible.org/article/principles-prayer-luke-11>

The Lord's Prayer

Response based on the Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 120-129

Our Father

Awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our lives— a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ You have become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will You, our Father, refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

In heaven

Teach us not to think of Your heavenly majesty as something earthly, and to expect everything needed for body and soul from Your almighty power.

Hallowed be your name

Help us to truly know You, to honor, glorify, and praise You for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do— so that Your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

Your kingdom come

Rule us by Your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to You. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against You and every conspiracy against Your holy Word. Do this until Your kingdom fully comes, when You will be all in all.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey Your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that You are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessing. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and trust in You alone.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of Your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies—the devil, the world, and our own flesh—never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever

We have made all these petitions of You because, as our all-powerful king, You are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because Your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

Amen

This shall truly and surely be!
It is even more sure that You listen to our prayer than that we really desire what we pray for.