

# Deliver Us from Evil

***"Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one."***

(Matthew 6:13, NIV)

In the Lord's Prayer, after we ask God to forgive our wrongs, we ask Him to help us avoid them in the future.

Without God's grace, sin is a debt we cannot pay and a trap we cannot avoid. We are opposed and surrounded by spiritual forces much stronger than us. We are weak, and ***our enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*** (1 Peter 5:8, NIV).

But ***the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world*** (1 John 4:4, NIV). Deliverance is always available as we trust our Heavenly Father who is always able, always with us, always in us. That is the beautiful assurance of the Lord's Prayer.

In spite of all our weakness, we can live in constant, close fellowship with a holy God. Christ has fully provided us with that amazing privilege by His forgiveness and His Spirit within.

What hinders us? We get our eyes off God and onto lesser things. We forget that our greatest need is not comfort or respect or any of the physical necessities of life. Our greatest need is our own weakness. Our greatest need is the sin, the faithlessness, the lovelessness that plagues our lives and our hearts. We forget that without God's grace, sin is a debt we cannot pay and a trap we cannot avoid.

But by simple trust in Jesus Christ, we have ***everything we need for life and godliness*** (2 Peter 1:3, NIV).

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