



INTRODUCTION

Jesus trains his disciples and us in how to pray in a profoundly simple and comprehensive way in the pattern called the Lord's prayer.

**"Our Father in heaven,
Holy is your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil."**

Jesus understands this: we become what we pray. If we pray without aim or purpose, our way of life will be directionless. If we pray according to His kingdom priorities and mandate, our life will be transformed to support, follow, and build his kingdom!

There is a twofold dynamic that Jesus introduces in his prayer:

- 1. We are to pray in order to bring the power and purpose of heaven down to earth
"Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*
- 2. We are to pray that the coming reality of Christ's future kingdom would be present today
"Your kingdom come."*

Prayer is the key to boldness, to open doors for the Gospel, and to deliverance from evil.

USING THE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Each week we will focus on a different aspect of the Lord's prayer and the kingdom priority it represents.

In week five, we look at the fifth line of the Lord's prayer:

"Don't lead us into the test, but deliver us from the evil one."

Kingdom Priority:

Throughout the story of the Bible, God tests His people: giving them an opportunity to show their true character. At the same time, the evil one presents traps to trip us up. Every person is given the choice to partner with God and rule by His wisdom, or rebel and go our own way.

In this line of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus is praying for mercy in two ways. He knows that we often fail these tests of our character, despite our best intentions, so He teaches us to pray that God would keep us from tests. But, if God chooses to allow us to be tested, Jesus teaches us to ask God to deliver us from the evil one's temptations.



**“Don’t lead us into the test,
but deliver us from the evil one.”**

DAY
01

Read Genesis 3:1-7

In this story, humans are presented with a choice. Trust that God knows what’s best for them, or listen to the serpent, and choose their own version of good and evil.

Talk to God about what this story makes you think and feel.

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02

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” (Ex. 16:4)

Ask God to reveal the ways He is testing you, and what He is trying to teach you or grow in you through it.

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03

“Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here!” (Gen. 42:15)

Joseph tests his brothers to see if they have changed from their brother-abandoning ways. Pray that God would show you the tests you have already passed and how you have come to trust Him.

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04

“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” (Jam. 1:2-3)

As much as we ask God to keep us from being tested, tests are opportunities for growth. Pray that God would help “us” (whoever that is today) pass the tests God has set before “us” to strengthen “us.”

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05

“My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” (Matt. 26:42)

Jesus prayed that God would save Him from what was coming but chose God’s will and walked into the ultimate test. Thank Jesus for giving His life to pass the test on behalf of each person. Ask Him to help us do the same.