




The Lord's Prayer

Week 4 - Readiness

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A handprint is drawn in red and purple on a dark, textured background. The handprint is positioned on the left side of the image, with the fingers pointing upwards. The background has a vertical gradient from dark red on the left to dark blue on the right.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Readiness

**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers over this present
darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in
the heavenly places.**

Ephesians 6:12 ESV

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 17:16-18 ESV

**The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately sick; who can understand it?**

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

“Prayer is intimacy with God which leads to the fulfilment of his purposes.”

Alvin Reid
Southwestern Baptist Seminary

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

Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

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Matthew 6:13 ESV

1. Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

James 1:13 ESV

Lead – cause to come to a particular state or condition.

Temptation – **peirasmos – to put to the test, examination, trial or difficulty. Could be an examination with the express purpose of proving a fault.**

“Do not let us be overcome by temptation.”

“Protect us from being drawn into sin.”

“Keep us from succumbing to the enemy.”

Philip Ryken

**Count it all joy, my brothers, when you
meet trials of various kinds...**

James 1:2 ESV

“‘Test’ or ‘trial’ – that is, a situation that reveals how far you are able to go right and avoid going wrong – is the idea behind the word.”

J I Packer

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26:41 ESV

“We must appreciate that the test of sincerity and realism in saying “lead us not into temptation” is readiness to “watch and pray,” lest we fall victim to it unawares.”

J I Packer

2. Deliver Us From Evil

Deliver - keep, conceal, maintain, guard

Evil - evil, oppressed by toils

**Behind everything that is physical and visible
is that which is spiritual and invisible.**

Pastor Tony Evans

**The thief comes to steal and kill and
destroy...**

John 10:10 ESV

**Those apart from Christ, belong to the devil
after being captured by him to do his will.**

2 Timothy 2:26 ESV

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:5 ESV

**The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately sick; who can understand it?**

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up...

Romans 1:21-24 ESV

Therefore God gave them over....

Romans 1:24 NIV

1. Be Alert and Sober-Minded

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 ESV



Thomas Edward Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia

British archaeologist, army officer, diplomat, and writer

B. 1888 - d. 1935

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**Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the
midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents
and innocent as doves.**

Matthew 10:16 ESV

2. Resist the Devil

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 ESV

Resist = to withstand, strive against or oppose in some manner.



Augustine of Hippo
Rendering

“The Devil is like a mad dog that is chained up. He is powerless to harm us when we are outside his reach, but once we enter his circle we expose ourselves to injury and harm.”

Augustine

3. Put on the Full Armor of God

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 ESV



As I face the spiritual battle of life each day, may *YOUR TRUTH* be like a **BELT** that keeps me **SECURE**. I pray that your imputed *RIGHTEOUSNESS* leads to **RIGHTEOUS DECISIONS** which are like a **BREASTPLATE** protecting my core. I pray that the *PEACE* I have with you through Jesus would provide sure-footed *READINESS* like proper **SHOES** FOR THE BATTLE.

I ask for *UNWAVERING FAITH* like a **SHIELD** AGAINST THE ENEMY'S ATTACK. May the confidence in my *ETERNAL SALVATION* be like a PROTECTIVE **HELMET** for my head. And may *YOUR HOLY WORD*, like a **SWORD**, be the offensive weapon in my hand for battle. Send us out, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

For all that is in the world: the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life; is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:16 ESV

4. Embrace God's Way Out

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV

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Reverence:

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Matthew 6:9 ESV

Response: Submission

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.**

Matthew 6:10 ESV

Requests:

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Matthew 6:11-12 ESV

Readiness:

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Matthew 6:9-13 ESV