

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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THE LORD'S PRAYER – PART 19

Matthew 6

7“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 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.— ESV

Matthew 6:13 – Most easy to understand translation

Matt. 6:13 And don't let us yield to **temptation**, but rescue us from the evil one.—
NLT 2

What are sources of temptation?

1. Our own sinful nature

James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **14** but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.- NIV

What are sources of temptation?

2. Demonic Forces putting temptation in our path

- **Ephesians 6:10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. – NIV

What are sources of temptation?

3. Other people

- **Matt. 18:7** “What sorrow awaits the world, because it tempts people to sin. **Temptations** are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. – NLT 2

Gates of Temptation

1 John 2:[15](#) Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16](#) For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not from the Father but from the world. [17](#) The world is passing away, along with its desires; but whoever does the will of God remains forever.

➤ John mentions three gates of temptation

1. The desires of the flesh

- **Galatians 5:24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified **the flesh** with its passions and desires.
- **Galatians 6:8** Whoever sows to please their flesh, from **the flesh** will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Gates of Temptation

2. The desires of the eyes
3. The pride of life

FIVE KEY Strategies for overcoming temptation

1. Guard your heart & mind
2. Develop Healthy Boundaries
3. Ruthlessly eliminate spiritual and emotional obstacles
4. Pray daily to overcome temptation and be delivered from evil
 - **Matt. 26:41** Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to **temptation**. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”
5. Leverage Covenant Relations to Maximize spiritual covering

House Church Reflection

- Take a moment to have a time of prayer response to the Lord. HC Leaders, allow the Lord to lead you in ministry to people and response.
- Discussion
 - What spoke to you most in the message this morning?
 - How will you apply this truth in your life?