



How to Pray for God's Protection Luke 11:1-4

We pray for God's protection for ourselves/others.

^{4b} And lead us not into temptation."

Text Message:

- o *What does this mean? Does God really lead us into temptation? If He did, wouldn't it be for our good, so why pray for Him not to do this?*
- o Here the Greek does little to help us, as the word translated "temptation" (πειρασμος,

peirasmos) is used of both enticements to evil and trials and tribulation.

- o Even Matthew's Gospel with its addition of "deliver us from evil" is ambiguous, as the word "evil" here can mean something that is ethically evil or simply trouble and danger.
- o So, we pray for both applications when we pray for protection:
 - 1) To be on guard against all sin (1 Peter 5:8).
 - 2) For those who need deliverance from addiction(s) and other things that rob the life Jesus can give (John 10:10).
 - 3) Deliverance from the spiritual evils of apathy, laziness, lukewarmness, prayerlessness, not putting God first, etc.
 - 4) Restoration of God's prodigal sons and daughters.
 - 5) Safety in travel and other endeavors.
- o You also *must* help us by prayer. 1 Corinthians 1:11

We pray for God's protection for our church.

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Text Message:

- o We pray for anything that threatens the church **from without:**
 - 1) Jesus’ disciples would build the church amid “many dangers, toils and snares.”
 - 2) Jesus said they would be sent out “as sheep in the midst of wolves” (See Matthew 10:16-23).
 - 3) Our experience of low-level persecution is the exception in both church history and our world today.
 - 4) Here we educate ourselves to pray for the Persecuted Church around the world.
- o We pray for anything that threatens the church **from within:**
 - 1) Most of the New Testament letters are “occasional,” which means they were written to address problems within the church.
 - 2) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with

one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14
3) Here we can pray for any struggles within our church and other churches.

We pray for God's protection for our world.

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Text Message:

- o Here we pray for protection against the evils of our world, in our own nation and the nations of the world.
- o The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8
- o ***Remember: What is newsworthy in our world is knees-worthy in our prayers!***
- o What if we were to commit to spending as much time in prayer for what we see on the News as we do watching it?

