



Lead us not into
Temptation

The
Sixth
Petition
of
The
Lord's
Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. **Amen.**

An Old Perspective

By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

Heidelberg Catechism[1653], Day 52

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The desire to do something, especially something
wrong or unwise.

Oxford Dictionary

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Satan = Tempter

The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Matthew 4:3

Jesus was victorious

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Satan is still in the Business

For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.

I Thessalonians 3:5

Jesus knows temptation

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Money is a powerful Temptation

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

I Timothy 6:9

Two Important Actions:

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:41

Watch for the Exit Ramp...

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

I Corinthians 10:13



Let us pray...