

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION - Lk 11:4

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Reading: *Lk 11:1-4* – “The Lord’s Prayer”

1. **“Our Father”**. Come to God as children to their Father, welcomed, loved, cared for, joyful, safe. Come boldly and confidently trusting in His power and goodness.
2. **“Who is in heaven.”** Heaven is our Father’s home and it is our home. Keep looking upwards to Him, *Col 3:2, Ps 25:15*, for this is our treasure house, *Mat 6:19-21*.
3. **“Hallowed be Your Name,”** (“on earth as in heaven” applies to all three requests), and we are asking that His Name be respected, honoured, worshipped and kept holy, in me, in my marriage, in my family, church, town and nation.
4. **“Your Kingdom come”** in all authority, rule, government in me.... etc. *Lk 22:29, Rom 14:17*.
5. **“Your will be done”** in me....etc, completely at all times, *Phil 2:13GNB*.
6. If our No 1 desire is these three requests, then we can come boldly and full of faith, to ask God for the following:
7. **“Give us this day our daily bread”** in every area of need, and supply them according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus, material, physical, mental, spiritual, financial. *Phil 4:19, Ruth 2:12, Jer 2:13, 2Pet 1:3, Jn 4:10,14*.
8. **“Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”** We need daily cleansing from our sins in the Blood of Jesus, *1Jn 1:7, Is 1:18, Eph 1:7*. But God only forgives us as we forgive others, *Mk 11:25,26*.
9. **“Lead us not into temptation.”**
10. First let’s say that God’s law is written in our hearts and we have an abundance of excellent godly desires. *Heb 8:10, Ps 40:8, Rom 7:22, 1Cor 2:16*.
11. But we also are all tempted to sin, *1Cor 10:13*, as was Jesus, *Heb 4:15*.
12. Satan is called “the tempter.” *Mat 4:3, 1Thes 3:5, 1Pet 5:8, 1Cor 7:5, Mk 1:13, Lk 4:2*.
13. God does not tempt us to sin, *Jam 1:13*.
14. We are tempted to sin when we are drawn away (from God), by our desires and enticed *Jam 1:14*.
15. The old “flesh nature” has desires against the Spirit, but the Spirit is against the flesh, so that you cannot do the works of the flesh, *Gal 5:16,17*.
16. The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the Law of sin and death, *Rom 8:2*.
17. God does not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to overcome, *1Cor 10:13*, and He faithfully provides a way of escape so that we can endure the temptation and not sin.

18. **Various temptations** (Include examples to illustrate):
 To take something that is not yours, and belongs to someone else.
 To say something that is not true because of fear of possible consequences, or to appear better in the eyes of others.
 To look twice at a miniskirt or pornographic magazines, *Mat 5:28*.
 To be fearful when trouble comes, *Mk 4:40*.
 To be anxious about the provision of the necessities of life, *Mat 6:25,28,23*.
 To get angry when the feeling arises, "I can't cope with this."
 To curse and swear when things get difficult and hard to handle, *Jam 5:12*.
19. Some are tempted by a desire to get rich, *1Tim 6:6-10*. (Please give real life examples of each of these.)
20. Many are tempted by the desire for a woman other than their own wife, *2Tim 2:22, 2Sam 11:4*.
21. Others are tempted by a desire for a position of importance, influence and authority over others, *Mat 20:20-28, Jer 45:4,5, Lk 18:14, 1Pet 5:3,5,6*.
22. Some are tempted by a desire for things that used to satisfy them before they became a believer, *Num 11:4-6,10,18-23,31-34*, before they were redeemed from their former life of "slavery in Egypt."
23. Their desire was very strong and the Word says, "God gave them their desire and sent leanness into their souls," *Ps 106:15*.
24. So our prayer is, "Lord please do not give us the things we wrongfully desire which are contrary to Your will for us," *Lk 11:4*. (Consider *Jam 4:3*).