



LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

LORD, a wicked inclination remains in us that is bent toward backsliding. As soon as you forgive our sins, we are ready to return to our foolish ways. So knowing well our weakness, we humbly beg you not only to forgive our sin but to help us stop doing wrong. Lead us not into temptation. We know that no one when he is tempted can ever say, 'I am being tempted by God', for you never tempt anyone to sin. We therefore ask you, Never give us over to the lusts of our own hearts. Never turn us over to the stubbornness of our own wills. Restrain Satan as he roams around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Keep us from being trapped through ignorance of his schemes. Spare us from being turned over to Satan's desire to possess us so that he can sift us like wheat. If you allow him to try us, strengthen us so our faith does not fail. Let not a messenger from Satan harass us. But if constant trials are necessary to keep us from pride, let your grace be sufficient for us. Make us strong where we are weak. Make us more than conquerors through Christ who has loved us. Make us strong in the Lord, since our struggle is not simply against flesh and blood. Reinforce us with your powerful might, since our warfare is against principalities, powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world. As the God of peace, tread Satan under our feet, and do it soon. Keep us from falling, and present us faultless before yourself at Christ's glorious appearing. *Hos.* 11:7; *Psa.* 85:8; *Job* 34:32; *Matt.* 6:13; *James* 1:13; *Psa.* 81:12; *1 Pet.* 5:8; *2 Cor.* 2:11; *Luke* 22:31, 32; *2 Cor.* 12:7, 9, 10; *Rom.* 8:37; *Eph.* 6:10, 12; *Rom.* 16:20; *Jude* 24.

Lord, keep us from walking right into temptation's way. Knowing our ever-present danger, help us keep on

the lookout for the subtleties of sin and Satan. Let us never stop praying. Providentially guide all our affairs so that no temptation comes to us that goes beyond the common experience of mankind. Never let us be tempted beyond what we are able to discern, resist, and overcome through your grace. Do not let stumblingblocks be placed in our way as we travel through life. Keep us from causing fathers and sons, neighbours and friends to perish because we have turned aside from your royal law of love. Let us never be the cause of stumbling for any brother for whom Christ died. Give us the great peace that is the permanent possession of those who love your law. Make us confident that nothing can make us stumble if we live by that law. *Matt. 26:41; Neh. 4:9; 1 Cor. 10:13; Jer. 6:19, 21; Rom. 14:13; Psa. 119:165.*

Lead us into all truth. Teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. Show us your ways and teach us your paths. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Lead us beside calm waters that have not been troubled by sin. Keep the evil one from attaching himself to us, knowing that he that is in us is greater than he that is in the world. Let us not be trapped by his deceitful ways or wounded by his fiery darts. Let your word permeate all our thoughts so that we can be strong and overcome the wicked one. *John 16:13; Psa. 25:4, 5; 23:2, 3; 1 John 5:18; 4:4; Matt. 13:25; Eph. 6:11, 16; 1 John 2:14.*

Answer our prayers for one another that none of us practise any wrongdoing. Let us always do the things that are right before you. Save us from the guilt and power of our sins. Claim us as your possession so that we are redeemed from all vices. Free us from the sin that so easily entangles us as we run the race of faith. Terrify us with your warnings to empty us of all pride of self. Banish lying from us once and for all. Remove every desire to eat the sinners' dainties. Put in our hearts the basic inclination to live according to the limitations of your laws rather than

being driven by covetousness. Restrain our lips so that we never speak rashly, as did Moses. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins. Let them never dominate us. Preserve our innocence from large transgressions. *2 Cor.* 13:7; *Matt.* 1:21; *Titus* 2:14; *Heb.* 12:1; *Job* 33:16, 17; *Psa.* 119:29; 141:4; 119:36; 106:33; 19:13.

Preserve us so that nothing evil happens to us and no disaster comes near our dwelling. Let your hand be with us, and keep us from harm. Deliver us from anything or anyone that rises up against us. Show us your marvellous lovingkindness. Defend us as the apple of your eye. Hide us under the shadow of your wings. Be the one to preserve our souls, for we have committed them to you. You have delivered us from deadly perils, you will deliver us in days to come, and we trust that you will provide a final deliverance. Free us from all fears. Let us live out our lives in the security that you alone can provide. Calm us from the dread of evil. Bring us safe at last to your holy mountain where there is no prickling briar, no painful thorn, and nothing to harm or destroy. Let the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. *Psa.* 91:10; *1 Chron.* 4:10; *Psa.* 17:7, 8; *2 Tim.* 1:12; *2 Cor.* 1:10; *Psa.* 34:4; *Prov.* 1:33; *Ezek.* 28:24; *Isa.* 11:9.