

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Lord's Prayer

INTRODUCTION | 'Lead Us Not into Temptation'

Jesus Christ taught his disciples how to pray through Lord's Prayer. Through this prayer, we can further understand the will of God, and also at the same time we come to see our nature and flaws in our character. Today's prayer 'lead us not into temptation' also reveals our weakness before God and helps us to turn to the salvation of Jesus Christ. Let's take a look at two Christian attributes from this prayer and learn how Jesus Christ can fulfill our needs.

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

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.

QUESTIONS |

1: The word 'temptation' in today's passage can also mean trial in an original Greek language. In other words, this prayer is asking the Lord to keep us far from any temptation or trial that would make us fall into sin. What are some of the temptations you face in your life that may make you fall into sin? (Ref. Proverbs 5:3-5)

2: Observing this prayer, you can tell the person praying this prayer is highly concerned about falling into a temptation that may lead him to sin. How is your 'alert level' towards the sin compare to his attitude?

3: Read Romans 6:17-22 together, and discuss some of the 'what used to be totally ok was no longer ok!' moment in your life. (Examples: Convictions you had - way you drive, gossip, etc.)

4: When we fall into the temptation, we (tossed around by emotions) cannot save ourselves or even be trusted. Do you sense the internal war taking place in your heart as Paul puts it in Romans 7:15? (Ref. Romans 7:15)

5: The Bible proclaims that, by the victory of Jesus Christ over Satan, we are fighting the battle we are bound to win (John 16:33, Matthew 28:18). In light of this truth, how does Jesus encourage those who are battling temptations and trials in life? Also, how much trust do you put in the word of Jesus? (Ref. 1 Corinthians 10:13)

6: Why would we need pray this prayer in our walk of life? Let's discuss how we should pray this prayer and take a time to commit to Jesus' exhortation to pray.

Reading (Reference) |

Proverbs 5:3-5

3 For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, 4 but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol;

Romans 6:17-22

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Romans 7:15

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

Lunchtime meeting Kasumigaseki 3rd Wed

Lunchtime meeting Otemachi 4th Thu

Obento Project 6th June

Picnic @Imperial Garden 7th June

Member Class 14th June KDDI HALL 13:30

Worship Location and Time changes 21st June Sun 14:00 Hamarikyu Asahi Hall