

PRAYER

Ask how you can pray for one another this week. Then, close in prayer, mentioning each request and person before the Lord.

For your closing prayer read the lyrics of this Hymn,
“Take my life and Let It Be” by Frances R. Havergal (1874)

*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in endless praise*

*Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee*

*Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee*

*Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose*

*Take my will and make it thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is thine own
it shall be thy royal throne*

*Take my love my Lord I pour
at thy feet its treasure store
Take myself, and I will be
Ever only all for thee*

LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE

Week 6: The Prayer of Protection
For Small Group Meetings, October 19-25

AMEN NIGHT

Don't forget about AMEN NIGHT!
November 7th at 7:00 PM — Doors & Dessert open at 6:30
RSVP at RockBrook.org/Upcoming

VIDEO NOTES

**"And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one." — Matthew 6:12 NIV**

1. Jesus teaches us to pray
so that we see _____

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. — Ephesians 6:12 NLT

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. — Matthew 4:1 NLT

What God uses as a test, satan uses as a temptation

2. Jesus teaches us to pray _____

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin.
¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. — Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT

3. Jesus teaches us to pray for _____

- Remember what Christ has done

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

— Colossians 2:14-15 NLT

- Remain in Christ

A final word: Be strong **in** the Lord and **in his** mighty power. Put **on** all of God's armor **so** that you will be able to stand firm against **all** strategies of the devil.

— Ephesians 6:10-11 NLT

- He blinds the minds of unbelievers — (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- He tries to steal God's Word from us — (Matthew 13:19)
- He sets traps to ensnare us — (2 Timothy 2:25-26)
- He works to discourage us — (James 1:17)
- He seduces people into error — (1 Timothy 4:1)
- He entices people to sin — (1 John 3:7-8)
- He tries to divide believers — (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

— John 10:10 NIV

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SCRIPTURE READING

Read Psalm 141

KEY QUESTION

What stood out to you from this message & scripture reading?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. To what extent do you recognize that your struggle against sin (sinful thoughts, actions, and attitudes) is a spiritual war against the evil one? Is that something you ever think about?
2. Just because the enemy came to steal, kill and destroy, doesn't mean he gets to. We can ask Jesus for the life that he gives. What might the enemy be trying to steal from you?
3. C.S. Lewis wrote, "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them." What should be our focus in this prayer of protection?
4. Through testing, God can show you who you are, and also shape you into who you can become. What character traits is God growing in you through any current testing you may be facing?

ACTION STEP

Do you recognize that whenever you gather with the church, sing praises, pray, serve someone, listen to someone's story, read Scripture or share the Gospel, that you are "pushing back the powers of evil"? How does it make you feel to know that you are doing so?

What practical steps can you take this week to engage in these types of things more regularly?