

Stay Connected with His Deliverance

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When we look at all the evil in our broken world, we see why we need to pray the seventh petition of the Lord's Prayer: *"But deliver us from evil."*

This petition serves as a summary of the previous six. We ask that the Lord do what He alone can do: save us from our enemies and bring us into His presence forever.

Psalm 121:7-8

The LORD will keep you from all harm—He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

In order to better understand Christ's saving work, let's first seek a better understanding of our enemy and what he seeks to do.

Satan is God's enemy, the evil one, who was originally a holy angel, but led a rebellion against God and remains opposed to God and all that is good.

Isaiah 14:12-15

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon, I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

In arrogance and rage, Satan sought to claim God's good creation as his own kingdom. His goal is to deceive and destroy the human race. To that end, he seduced Adam and Eve (along with all their descendants) into captivity and made them his allies, subject to God's condemnation.

John 8:44

Jesus said, "The devil... was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Our only refuge from Satan's attacks and confidence for eternal victory is found in Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross frees us from the tyranny of the evil one.

Colossians 1:13-14

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

When you pray the Jesus way, ask your Father to...

- Help you endure the troubles of this life.
- Free you from the rule of the evil one and his minions.
- Keep you faithful to Christ and His Word.
- Guard you and be your source of daily deliverance.