

Jubilee: The Lord's Prayer

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THEME: DELIVER US FROM EVIL (MATT. 6:13)

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Pet, 5:8)

Reciting the Lord's Prayer on a regular basis reminds us of our needed dependence on God. We need to regularly ask for God's deliverance because, as the above verse states, Satan is always looking "for someone to devour." As you go about each day, are you mindful that Satan wants to attack you through any means he can?

J. I. Packer distinguishes between 2 types of evil: evil "external to us" which comes through circumstances, troubles and other adversity, and evil "within us" - our corrupted natures which lead us to sin. We are endangered by evil of all sorts and at all times. As such, we are so needing of God's deliverance every moment. Ps. 91:14 reads "'Because he loves me', says the Lord 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.'" Though evil will still reside in this world as long as Satan is given freedom to reign, we can look to God and His promise for deliverance, while looking forward to Jesus' return when His kingdom will be established and evil will be wiped out permanently.

REFLECTION

- Each day this week, be alert to Satan's desire to regularly attack you. Are there certain areas where he seeks to attack you more than others?

RENEW

- Consider adjustments you can make to better withstand Satan's attacks (e.g. making sure you are wearing God's armor (Eph. 6:10-17))

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for those recently affected by Satan's evil attacks (e.g. the bombings in Sri Lanka).
- Pray for our church focusing on our City Outreach Mission (Minister Hsiao-Dun and Minister Juan Chen)