

The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

As the Catechism says, "God tempts no one." In this petition, we are asking Him to guard us against things that tempt us to fall away from the faith. You're young yet. But, as you grow up, you're going to find many things that will try to pull you away from God – the devil, the things of this world, and your own sin nature. How can you protect yourself? Stay in the Word of God. Read the Bible and focus your thoughts on God and His love for you. Remember what Jesus did for you on the cross and ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Lord, guard us against the things that tempt us to fall away from You. Amen.