

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Overcoming Temptation Pt 2.

Prayer Point 1

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the ill desires you are nurturing. Repent.
- Pray that the Lord would give you the biblical alternative.

Prayer Point 2

Rom. 6:11-14

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- Pray that you would never yield to sin.
- Pray for the mind and attitude of Christ to dwell in you so that you can always have the strength to stand against sin.

Prayer Point 3

I Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- Break every lie of the enemy in your mind, especially one that suggests that it is impossible to resist sin.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

- Pray for a spirit of brokenness that acknowledges that we are not perfect before God.

Prayer Point 4

Hebrews 2:17-18.

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

- Bring before the Lord the sin(s) you often struggle with. Ask Him to give you a strategy to help you overcome. Always have your “escape routes” ready.

Prayer Point 5 - We overcome temptation by first receiving God’s salvation in Christ

I John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

- Pray that Christ would reign in your life such that you would not want to step into sin.

Prayer Point 6 - We overcome temptation by recognising that we are weak by nature and that we can indeed fall

I Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

- Pray that you would never overestimate your own power over temptation.

Prayer Point 7

- Examine your life and ask the Holy Spirit would help you guard against the following:
 - Living too close to the world and functioning in the “gray” areas of life.
I Thessalonians 5:22, KJV - Abstain from all appearance of evil.
 - Maintaining close relationships with those who encourage you toward sinful behaviour.
I Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.
 - Not having personal accountability to others.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 -Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.
 - Walking instead of running away from potentially sinful situations.
I Corinthians 6:18 - Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.
 - Believing that we can keep the devil contained to our thought life.
Proverbs 4:23 - Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.
 - Not maintaining the disciplines of prayer and personal Bible reading.
Luke 22:40 - He said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

**Prayer Point 8 - We overcome temptation by putting on the whole armour of God
Ephesians 6:10-17**

Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

- Pray that the whole armour of God would form part of your everyday life.

Prayer Point 9 - We overcome temptation by being rooted in and using God's Word—the Sword of the Spirit

Psalms 119:11 - Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You.

- Pray that word of God would be rooted into all of your life.

Prayer Point 10 - We overcome temptation by understanding the enemy's methods and not being ignorant of his tactics

II Corinthians 2:11 ...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

- Pray that you will be alert to the enemy's tactics so that you not be taken by surprise.

Prayer Point 11 - We overcome temptation by having a strategy to do so.

James 4:7-8 -Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- Pray for a strategy from God to overcome temptation.

Prayer Point 12 - We overcome temptation by bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

II Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

- Pray that everything that is not of Christ in your life will be brought into captivity and to the obedience of Christ.

Prayer Point 13 - We overcome temptation by cultivating our love relationship with God and focusing on living a life that pleases Him

Hebrews 12:1-2 - Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Pray for your love for God to flourish and that your life will be pleasing to you.