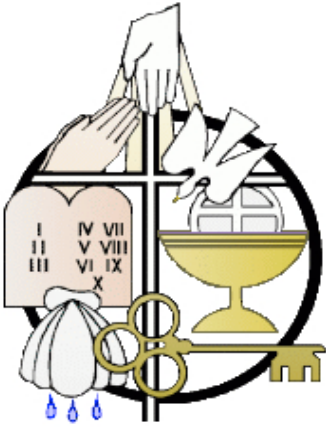


The Small Catechism of Doctor Martin Luther
The Third Chief Part: The Lord's Prayer
The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, **as the sum of all**, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul, property and honor; and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.



"In the Greek this petition reads, 'Deliver or preserve us from the Evil One, or the Wicked One.' It seems to be speaking of the devil as the sum of all evil in order that the entire substance of our prayer may be directed against our archenemy. For it is he who obstructs everything for which we ask: God's name or honor, God's kingdom and will, our daily bread, a good and cheerful conscience etc." – **Martin Luther, Large Catechism, III, 113**

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, **Satan has asked for you**, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.'



But he said to Him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.' Then He said, 'I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.' ... And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. But Jesus said to him, 'Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?' When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, 'Lord, shall we strike with the sword?' And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. But Jesus answered and said, 'Permit even this.' And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, 'Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and **the power of darkness.**'"

+ St. Luke 22:31-34, 47-53 +

A VERSE TO REMEMBER

"We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Jesus is arrested: the power of darkness
Sir Anthony van Dyck, oil on canvas - 1618