

Lord's Day 52

127. Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. *And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

That is:

In ourselves we are so weak
that we cannot stand even for a moment.

Moreover, our sworn enemies ?

the devil,
the world,
and our own flesh
?

do not cease to attack us.

Will you, therefore,
uphold and strengthen us
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
so that in this spiritual war
we may not go down to defeat,
but always firmly resist our enemies,
until we finally obtain
the complete victory.

1. Ps 103:14-16; Jn 15:1-5.
2. 2 Cor 11:14; Eph 6:10-13; 1 Pet 5:8.
3. Jn 15:18-21.
4. Rom 7:23; Gal 5:17.
5. Mt 10:19, 20; 26:41; Mk 13:33; Rom 5:3-5.
6. 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Thess 3:13; 5:23.

128. Q. How do you conclude your prayer?

A. *For yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever.*

That is:

All this we ask of you
because, as our King,
having power over all things,
you are both willing and able
to give us all that is good,
and because not we
but your holy name
should so receive all glory
forever.

1. Rom 10:11-13; 2 Pet 2:9.
2. Ps 115:1; Jer 33:8, 9; Jn 14:13.

129. Q. What does the word *Amen* mean?

A. *Amen* means:
It is true and certain.
For God has much more certainly
heard my prayer
than I feel in my heart
that I desire this of him.

1. Is 65:24; 2 Cor 1:20; 2 Tim 2:13.