



FAITH MAIL

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Praying Yahshua's Prayer (5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The final appeal of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that temptation has been a part of human experience since the beginning of time (Genesis 3:1-7, 13). In this prayer, Yahshua doesn't suggest that we ask the Father to keep us from temptation, but rather that He should "...not lead us into [it]..." (Matthew 6:13a). The critical word in this passage is "lead". As we journey through life, we often seek Yahweh's guidance, just as the Psalmist did, to lead us to quiet waters and paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:2-3).

The purpose of temptation is to steer someone to act against Yahweh's will, which results in wrongdoing. This is the ongoing quest of the tempter (evil one). In contrast, our Father will never lead us to defy His will and sin against Him. Even though Yahweh does not tempt anyone (James 1:13), He does allow His children to undergo temptation, tests, and trials. His intention in letting us face such challenges is not for us to succumb to temptation, which damages us, but to purify us, shape our character, and bring us closer to the image of Yahshua.

Temptation becomes a problem when we give in to it, but we don't have to. We know that Yahweh won't abandon us to temptation and will provide a way out (1 Corinthians 10:13). That's why we pray, "...deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13b).

As we begin this new year, we don't know what the future holds, but we can take comfort in the fact that Yahweh is already there, waiting to guide us through whatever challenges come our way. He knows our end from the beginning and can see around the corner. Above all, we can trust in His steadfast and unwavering love for us. His nature is to protect us from harm and deliver us from the evil one. Even when we face adversity, we can be confident that He will help us overcome and emerge stronger on the other side.

Remember this as you face the unknown and navigate life with Yahweh's guidance.

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**"...do not lead us into
temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one"
(Matthew 6:13, NKJV).**