

The Heidelberg Catechism

127. What is the sixth petition?

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;” that is, since we are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand a moment,¹ and besides, our deadly enemies, the devil,² the world,³ and our own flesh,⁴ assail us without ceasing, be pleased to preserve and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may make firm stand against them and not be overcome in this spiritual warfare,⁵ until finally complete victory is ours.⁶

¹ Ps 103:14-16; Jn 15:1-5; ² 2 Cor 11:14; Eph 6:10-13; 1 Pt 5:8-9; 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; 2 Cor 12:7; 1 Thes 3:13, 5:23-24