

# Praying for Victory in Our Spiritual Warfare

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## Introduction

1. We are soldiers in a fierce battle every moment of our lives.
2. We pray in the knowledge that Jesus is our Lord who arose on the third day.

## Our Spiritual Warfare

1. The Catechism describes the Christian life using the Biblical language of warfare between two kingdoms. We must know our enemy.
  
2. We must understand the nature of this warfare...it is spiritual in nature and the enemy's chief weapon is temptation.

## Our Fervent Petition

1. Because we are so weak and we need God's grace, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." There are two parts here:
  - a. First, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation..."
  
  - b. Jesus teaches us to pray, "Deliver us from evil." Literally, "evil one."
  
2. May we rise up in our prayers and pray this with great fervency.

## Our Assured Confidence

1. We have the assurance that God is able to do what we ask, "for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever."
  
2. This confidence is expressed with the final word of prayer, "Amen."