

*This Study Guide is based on a sermon by Dr. Joshua Mack. You will find the link to the sermon here.*

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## Luke 11:1-4

### Swahili

Ikawa alipokuwa mahali fulani akiomba, alipokwisha, mmoja katika wanafunzi wake alimwambia, Bwana, tufundishe sisi kusali, kama vile Yohana alivyowafundisha wanafunzi wake. Akawaambia, Msalipo, semeni, Baba [yetu uliye mbinguni], Jina lako litakaswe, Ufalme wako uje, [Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, hapa duniani kama huko mbinguni.] Utupe siku kwa siku riziki yetu. Utusamehe dhambi zetu, kwa kuwa sisi nasi tunamsamehe kila tumwiaye. Na usitutie majaribuni [lakini tuokoe na yule mwovu].

### Zulu

Kwathi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, esegcinile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: “Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengokuba uJohane naye wabafundisa abafundi bakhe.” Wayesethi kubo: “Nxá nikhuleka, anothi: “ ‘Baba wethu osezulwini, malingcweliswe igama lakho; mawufike umbuso wakho; mayenziwe intando yakho emhlabeni njengasezulwini; usiphe isinkwa sethu sezinsuku zonke imihla ngemihla; usithethelele izono zethu, ngokuba nathi sibathethelela bonke abanecala kithi; ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule kokubi.’ ”

### Shona

Mumwe musi Jesu akanga achinyengetera ari pane imwe nzvimbo. Akati apedza, mumwe wavadzidzi vake akati kwaari, “Ishe, tidzidzisei kunyengetera, saJohani akadzidzisa vadzidzi vake.” Iye akati kwavari, “Kana muchinyengetera, muti: “ ‘Baba vedu vari kudenga, zita renyu ngarikudzwe noutsvene. Umambo hwenyu ngahuuye. Kuda kwenyu ngakuitwe panyika sezvinoitwa kudenga. Tipei zuva nezuva chingwa chedu chamazuva namazuva. Uye mutiregerere zvivi zvedu; nokuti nesuwo tinoregerera vose vanotitadzira. Tibatsirei kuti tisapinda mukuedzwa; uye mutinunure pane zvakaipa.’ ”

### Afrikaans

Jesus was êrens op 'n plek besig om te bid. Toe Hy klaar was, sê een van sy dissipels vir Hom: “Here, leer ons bid, soos Johannes ook sy volgelinge geleer het.” En Hy sê vir hulle: “Wanneer julle bid, sê dan: “Vader, laat u Naam geheilig word; laat u koninkryk kom. Gee ons elke dag ons daaglikse brood; en vergeef ons ons sondes, want ons vergewe ook elkeen wat teen ons oortree; en laat ons nie in versoeking kom nie.”

## Sermon Summary:

Over the past several weeks, we have been looking at what Jesus teaches about prayer. We talked this Sunday about the what it means to say and really mean, “Lead us not into temptation.”

### Basic Discussion Questions:

1. We have been talking about prayer for a long time now. What are some of the biggest lessons you have learned over the last several weeks about prayer?
2. Let's read Luke 11:1-4. (Does anyone have these verses memorized yet?)
3. We looked at the last phrase in this model prayer on Sunday. What did it say? And what was the one word we used to summarize it?
4. Is there anything that stood out to you especially from the message on Sunday?
5. Now, this phrase, lead us not into temptation, is the end of Jesus' model prayer. Why is this a surprising way to end this prayer? How might you have expected a prayer to end?
6. What are we saying about ourselves as we pray this? In other words, why would we pray this? Why would this be a concern for us?
7. I don't think this prayer means, God keeps us from all trials. Instead, I think this prayer means, God help us in the middle of trials not to abandon you, and please don't allow us to be fooled by sin, and end up grieving you.
8. What is it about sin that makes it so terrible?
9. There are lots of things people fear, but unfortunately, too many people aren't fearful of temptation or sin. We see this lack of concern in the way they pray. They pray that God would do all kinds of things in their lives, but too often they don't pray that God would keep them from temptation.
10. What do mature Christians know about themselves that should cause them to cry out to God to keep them from temptation?
11. Now there are people who say they are Christians but don't feel like sin is much of a problem for them. Read John Owen's explanation as to why and discuss the reason he is giving as to why they don't feel the danger of sin in their lives.

“Many there are in the world who find not this law in them...who, whatever they have been taught in the word, have not a spiritual sense and experience of the power of indwelling sin; and that because they are wholly under the dominion of it. They find not that there is darkness and folly in their minds, because they are darkness itself, and darkness will discover nothing. They find not deadness and an indisposition in their hearts and wills to God; because they are wholly dead in trespasses and sins. They are at peace with their lusts, by being in bondage to them. And this is the state of most men in the world; which makes them woefully despise everything that matters, eternally.”

12. Even believers sometimes aren't aware of the threat their own sinfulness poses them. This is a very dangerous position. If you are confident in yourself and your ability to overcome temptation, you are in great danger. Jonathan Edwards once said, **“They are most safe, who are most sensible of their own weakness; most distrustful of their own hearts; and most sensible of their continual need of restraining grace.”** What do you think he meant by that?

13. If we are sensible of our weakness and distrustful of our own hearts, what practical difference will that make in the way you live?
14. How has our discussion encouraged or challenged you today?

### **Application Guide**

1. How concerned are you about staying away from sin and temptation? (Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being not concerned at all and 10 being, super-watchful.)
2. What particular temptations in your life are you most concerned about? What are the areas that you feel like you are most prone to dishonor God?
3. Now write out three reasons this sin is so awful and why you should stay as far away from it as possible. Speak the truth to it.
4. Do you think you would be doing something differently if you really were frightened of sinning in those areas? If so, what?
5. One big problem people have is that they are too trusting of themselves. In what ways are you trusting in yourself and your ability to overcome temptation too much?
6. Take this prayer, "Lead us not into temptation" and use it as a bouncing off point to write out your own prayer to God regarding the temptations in your life. In this prayer, express your helplessness to God and your desire to honor Him and ask Him to strengthen you so that you can overcome. But, do so in your own words! And be specific!