

*Deliver us from the evil one (Matthew 6:13)*

Having started with the highly exalted Father in heaven, we end now with the lowest and defeated evil one.

Christ delivered us from the punishment and power of evil when he died on the cross. However, we still have the daily battle against evil in and around us. It is a battle to become who we are in Christ.

There is much evil around us and even in us. There is the evil one, Satan and his forces. There is the evil of the world around us. And there is the evil inside of us. Evil is done to us. Evil is done by us.

When we pray 'deliver us from the evil one', we recognize our weakness against all forms of evil. We plead for God's grace to forgive us. We rely on the Holy Spirit to form Christ in our hearts so that we can resist all evil.

*Prayer: What evil do you see in and around you, your loved ones and the church? Pray the Lord to deliver us from evil.*