

<sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32 NLT

**He prays for us. (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, John 17:20-21)**

<sup>40</sup>There he told them, “Pray that you will not give in to temptation.” <sup>41</sup>He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” <sup>43</sup>Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. <sup>45</sup>At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. <sup>46</sup>“Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation.”

Luke 22:40-46 NLT

**I proactively pray for myself.**

<sup>54</sup>So they arrested him and led him to the high priest’s home. And Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup>The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.

Luke 22:54-55 NLT

**Two things create an environment for us to fall prey to temptation:**

- 1. Following at a distance**
- 2. Joining the wrong crowd**

<sup>61</sup>At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” <sup>62</sup>And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62 NLT

**Embrace the Lord’s look when you fall; it will be your strength to stand later!**

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

**Psalm 51:17 NLT**

**We pray together.**

They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

**Acts 1:14 NLT**

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this." <sup>41</sup>Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

**Acts 2:14, 41-42 NLT**

**For further study:**

**Luke 22, Ephesians 6:10-18**

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