**Psalter**: 161:1,2,3 - 431:3,4,5,6 - 181:1,2,3,4 - 339:1,2,3,4

**Scripture**: 1 Peter 5

**Apostolic Creed**

**BCoF**: 28

**A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE BY GOD THE FATHER**

1. The necessary preservation by the Father

2. The willingness and the power of the Father

3. The certain answer by the Father

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

1. The sixth petition is about temptation. What is temptation actually?
2. We ask the Lord to not lead us into temptation. But the Bible says clearly that God does not tempt anyone (James 1:13). How then must we understand this?
3. What is the difference between a temptation and a trial?
4. Read Matthew 4 about the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. How was He tempted? How did He react? What can we learn from this?
5. In Answer 127 the HC speaks about three enemies. Who are these enemies?
When you look back upon your own life, in which way can you see something of these enemies? Can you discern also something of that warfare with them?
6. How can we according to the HC remain standing in this warfare?
7. The Lord’s Prayer ends with a doxology and by confessing assuredly being heard of God (Amen).
Is there in your prayers something of that trust of which we read in Answers 128 and 129?
8. With Lord’s Day 52 we have come to the end of the Heidelberg Catechism. In the back of your Psalter on page 173 you will find the “Prayer after the explanation of the Catechism.” Read this prayerfully and answer the following questions.
	1. Why do you think this prayer begin by mentioning the *covenant*? How is the covenant connected with, and relevant to, the catechism sermons?
	2. What kind of things are asked for of the Lord in this prayer? Do you recognise something of that when you reflect upon the manner in which you have listened to the catechism sermons?
	3. In what manner have you changed through the catechism sermons? Or have you remained the same?