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**C: May we never forget the sacrifice of Jesus dying on the cross, by which you have given us the hope of victory over the devil, and the hope of everlasting life.**

M: Keep our hearts focused on that promise, that the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh would not lead us into despair and false belief, or our reputations be harmed by shameful sin.

**C: We thank you for giving us the strength to resist and overcome the temptations we face every day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions, especially asking for help resisting temptation.

*Silent prayer.*

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