

Psalm 20
A Prayer for Blessing

Picture here Israel facing a crisis, perhaps about to mount a defense against an invader. David the king is seeking God before the sanctuary and pleading for his people for God's help. This psalm is written from that perspective as His people pray for deliverance. So beloved, do you pray for our nation's leaders (1 Tim 2:1-8, 1 Pet 2:13-17). Do you pray for your pastor, elders, deacons and others serving in leadership?

1. May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. (What's in a name? El Shaddai - the God who is sufficient to fulfill His promises. El Elyon - God most high. YHWH Jireh (The Lord Provides), etc. Prv 18:10* To whom do you belong?

a. May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion (Ps 118:6-7).

b. May He remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings (God is faithful - Heb 6:10, 10:32-39).

c. May He give you the desire of your heart ("inner man") and make all your plans (petitions) succeed (Psalm 37:4). Look to Jas 4:1-10 and 1 Jn 5:13 - As we seek God's help what is our focus? What is the priority of our inner man? What was likely David's desire as he sought the Lord before joining battle with an invader?

2. We will shout for joy when you are victorious ("delivered/saved"), and will lift up our banners in the name of our God.

May the Lord Grant all your requests

3. Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He answers him from His holy heaven with the saving power of His right hand.

a. Some trust in chariots and some to horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. Zech 4:6, 1 Sam 17:45-47 - On what is our confidence? Money, strength, power - Or God?

b. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

Oh Lord save the king! Answer us when we call!