



## **“Peacemaking in a Time of Division”**

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1. In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry. May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.
2. May he send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you from Jerusalem.
3. May he remember all your gifts and look favorably on your burnt offerings. *Interlude*
4. May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.
5. May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers.
6. Now I know that the Lord rescues his anointed king. He will answer him from his holy heaven and rescue him by his great power.
7. Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.
8. Those nations will fall down and collapse, but we will rise up and stand firm.
9. Give victory to our king, O Lord! Answer our cry for help.

[Psalm 20](#)

**Introduction:** We are called, as Sons and Daughters of God to be peacemakers.

“God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”

[Matthew 5:9](#)

Jesus is our example.

A key component of peacemaking is prayer. My message today is that we ought to pray for our president!

We are commanded to pray for kings.

“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. **2** Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.”

[1 Timothy 2:1-2](#)

Psalm 20 is a good example of this: David praying—shocker--for Saul. Saul wanted to kill David. Yet David prays only for the king's blessing.

**Story:** Dachau...Dictator Playbook. Dictators are all narcissists-thus they build monuments to themselves:

- Franco
- Saddam
- And Saul!

“Early the next morning Samuel went to find Saul. Someone told him, “Saul went to the town of Carmel to set up a monument to himself; then he went on to Gilgal.”

[1 Samuel 15:12](#)

Dictators also eradicate their opponents. So Saul seeks to kill David. Yet David only seeks to bless Saul.

Will you serve as a peacemaker, and begin by praying for our president?

### **Five prayers to pray from Psalm 20:**

1. The Day of Distress Prayer
  - a. Naaman story
  - b. Jeroboam Story
  
2. Godly Help Prayer
  - a. Examples of good help:

“When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the Lord his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees. This regular reading will prevent

him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.”

[Deuteronomy 17:18-20](#)

“The older counselors replied, “If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”

[1 Kings 12:7](#)

### 3. Selfless Prayer

“He gave himself for us.” [Galatians 2:20](#)

“Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us<sup>[a]</sup> and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

[Ephesians 5:2](#)

“Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.”

[Galatians 1:4](#)

“He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.”

[1 Timothy 2:6](#)

### 4. Success prayer

- a. A story of mercy about Lincoln follows

### 5. Ultimate Trust prayer

**Conclusion:** O Peacemaker! Will you pray for the King? As David did!

Here are the prayers:

I want to close by noticing verse 6: “anointed”

This normally refers to the king in I and II Samuel and the chronicles of the kings. But in the prophets, it takes on an additional meaning. The Anointed, the Messiah, speaks of a future king!