

Psalms 20 (ESV)

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

20 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

²May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

³May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

⁴May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!

⁵May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They collapse and fall,
but we rise and stand upright.

⁹O LORD, save the king!
May he answer us when we call.

1. Verses 1-5 are a prayer for the king. For whom might it be appropriate for you to pray this same prayer?
2. Verse 6 is a strong statement of trust. Do you express your trust when you pray? How do you do that?
3. You probably don't know anyone who trusts in chariots and horses(!). What do you tend to trust in instead of God?
4. Note the change from singular to plural pronouns in 5, 7-9. With verse 6, those are the most confident statements. In what ways do other people change your prayer life and your confidence in God?
5. Make a list of the prayer requests in this psalm. How can you use them in your own prayer?
6. Can you find the gospel of Jesus in this psalm? Where?