

Sing, "Help Our Leaders When We Pray"

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WEEK 21

Psalm 20:1-9

⁰ To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. ¹ May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you; ² May He send you help from the sanctuary, and strengthen you out of Zion; ³ May He remember all your offerings, and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah ⁴ May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose. ⁵ We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. ⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. ⁸ They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.

⁹ [The LORD will save the king; He will answer the day we call.]

I. Take Away:

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II. Our Prayer:

- David sings, " (vv1-5).
- 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

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III. A Leader's Response:

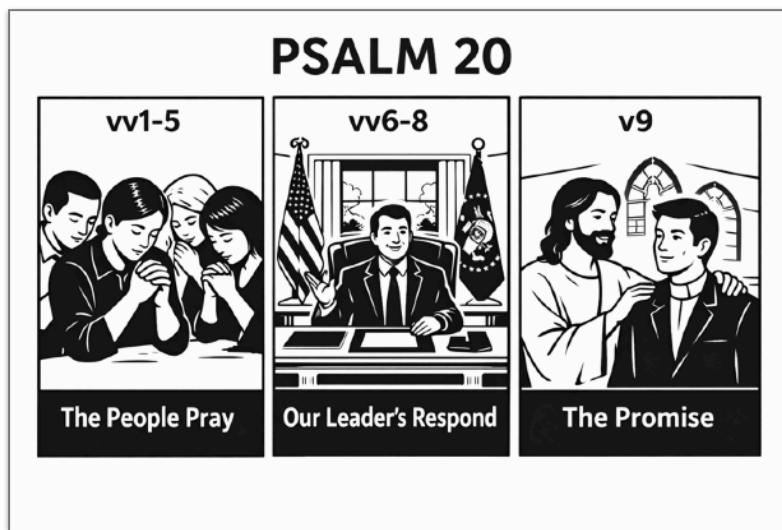
- David sings, " _____" (vv6-8)!

IV. The Promise:

- David sings, " _____" (v9).

V. Objections:

1. **"Some leaders don't deserve my prayers!"** Maybe they don't, but prayer isn't about their worthiness. It's about aligning our heart with God. Scripture calls believers to pray even for imperfect rulers. Prayer is not endorsement; it's obedience. It's choosing love over resentment and trust over cynicism.
2. **"Talking about leaders in the church just leads to politics and division!"** Yes, differences in opinions can divide us. But do you know what prayer does? Prayer unites. Psalm 20 isn't a political rally. It's a worship gathering! When we pray for leaders, we step above party lines and kneel under God's authority. Prayer is the safest, strongest way to engage without tearing each other apart.



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