

# PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalms 16-20



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#### **PSALM 16**

God, I praise You for the **good** things in my life.

Psa 16:1 (NIV) A miktam of David. Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

God, I start my day and live it all day long in complete trust in You. You are the reason my life is secure. You are continuously watching after me to make sure that I, my relationships, and circumstances are all in Your will for my life. You are deciding everything I am experiencing. Before, I was having to face life based on my decisions and the decisions of evil people. Things were constantly going contrary to Your will for my life. With You as my refuge, even when things look like they are going in an undesirable direction, I know You are producing Your plan in my life.

Psa 16:2 (NIV) I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." I am so glad I have made You the Lord of my life. Now I have Your constant direction. Your guidance is always before me. You are making sure that I understand and am empowered to live the plan You have for me. I wasn't adequate to run my own life. Bad things were regularly happening to me. Even things that started out good went bad. There was no power from You to control them. You are supplying Your lordship over me and my life experiences. Goodness and mercy are surrounding me all the days of my life. I know that everything is working together for good, now.

Psa 16:3 (NIV) As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. All my support and planning are with Your people. I look to them for accountability and friendship. I associate with Your people as the ones who influence my life patterns. I pray, worship You, study Your Word, socialize, and minister with Your people. All my spiritual growth issues are addressed as I spend time with them. As I minister to the lost, I know I am being prayed for by them. I know that all my encounters with the world are being anointed by You. Your people are helping me to be trained, grown, encouraged, and blessed so that I can effectively reach out to others without being contaminated myself. Because of You through them I can influence the world rather than be influenced by it.

Psa 16:4 (NIV) The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips. Those who have decided to go in another direction, I am committed to not follow. People who have dedicated their lives to other gods are not being allowed to influence my life. You are my God. I serve You. I yield to Your power to resist the influences of society. The worship and service of the world is not being done by me. Even when I am around them, I will not join them in their conversations. I dedicate myself to You, God. I will not pretend to go along with their beliefs and life patterns. I believe in Your power, O God, to not be led astray from Your greatness. Let me live a life in front of all who are going in the wrong direction that will exemplify and bring glory to You.

Psa 16:5 (NIV) LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. You are meeting my needs. I don't have to be afraid that I will lose my job if I serve You. I don't have to do things that are displeasing to You so I can make money. You are the One Who is supplying all my physical needs. My present and future are all secure inside of Your protection. All my physical, emotional, financial, relational, and spiritual needs are being taken care of by You. It is so relaxing to know that You are doing all that needs to be done for me.

Psa 16:6 (NIV) The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. My life has a positive influence that is always directing my circumstances. Things happen to me in a good fashion because always put Your blessings on them. Even things that start out bad work together for good. I can feel and see that influence of blessings pushing all the circumstances of my life. You are keeping my life and circumstances heading toward great success in You. All the things I have, have been supplied by You. All the things I will receive in the future are going to be wonderful. Your eternal plans for me are more exciting and dynamic than I can imagine.

**Psa 16:7 (NIV)** I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I am so glad you give me Your counsel. Your thoughts are so wise and are such a benefit to me. Never have I had such an opportunity to be guided into all the perfect decisions and godly plans. You not only speak to me with wisdom you speak to me in power. When You give me instructions, You give me the power it takes to live them. Your counsel turns into a new life for me. Your counsel penetrates my heart and develops all new systems for living in me. You fill my heart with such truth and transformation that I wake up in the morning with a better approach to life. Each day I grow and improve in whole new areas. You alone are able to move right into my heart and change the controls and motivations I have. You heal me right in the center of my core being. You take who I am and change me into who I need to be. There is no one like You.

Psa 16:8 (NIV) I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. I have given You the priority of my thoughts and deeds. You and what You do dominate my thoughts, plans, and deeds. You have taken the position of power and protection for me. You stand ready to defend me and protect me from anything that tries to shake me up. You keep me stable and ready for all that comes my way. I can face anything because You are always there. Nothing can do damage to me because You exercise Your power and wisdom to intervene.

Psa 16:9 (NIV) Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, My heart is filled with joy because of You. Praise is expressed through my mouth all the time. You are so awesome that words fail to represent the truth about You. The emotions that emanate from my heart have such restful effect on my body. You bring me into complete peace. You have made life worth living. You have made me a complete person. Everything about me shows forth the wonders of the work You have done in and through me. I am whom I could not be without You. None of the things I have become were possible without You and the miracles You have worked in me. My life has been shaped by Your glorious handicraft. I am Your art work.

**Psa 16:10 (NIV)** because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have kept the grave from being the final authority. Through Your Holy One, Jesus, You introduced the resurrection from the dead. He has led the way for all of us to know about this wonderful truth. We now know that we also will not be defeated by death. We, who serve You, will be raised up from death to spend eternity with You. Now I know You will never abandon me. I know that my resurrect is sure. I know I will live forever with You. Death no longer can create fear in me. I know what is going to happen to me after death. Jesus will be waiting for me. He will lead me through the shadow of the valley of death.

Psa 16:11 (NIV) You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. I now live because Jesus has given me a Christian life now. And, He has given me eternal life with You, my God. Jesus is my path through time and eternity. I now have Your joy always with me. You presence fills me with that joy. I will spend eternity inside of all Your pleasures. You are anointing me to be able to live life according to Your provisions. You have provided the blessings, motivations, power, and truth to me so I can live pleasing in Your sight.

## **PSALM 17**

God, thank You for putting Your righteousness in me.

Psa 17:1 (NIV) A prayer of David. Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer-- it does not rise from deceitful lips. Lord, it would be impossible for me to pray to You and expect anything, if it were not for the righteousness I have received from Jesus. Because of Him I have become Your righteousness in Him. Now I can come freely before You without fear or doubt. I know You will hear my prayers. I can now have confidence that every word I pray will be listened to by You. Since I have now been forgiven of all my sins, my lips address you with Your righteousness. Thank You for making all this possible.

Psa 17:2 (NIV) May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right. My sins were so great and so deserving of punishment that I wasn't able to come to You for vindication. I deserved every bad thing that happened to me. I didn't deserve anything good happening to me. But, now I can ask for good things because of Your grace and mercy. I know You see my situations and are blessing me through the provisions of Jesus. The right that You now see in me and my life are based on Your grace and mercy. The mistreatment I am experiencing from others is being handled by You. I no longer have to protect myself. You will provide all the miracles I need to help me with all my problems and troubles.

Psa 17:3 (NIV) Though you probe my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin. Through Your Holy Spirit I have been able to start getting control over my mouth. I wanted to say the right things but couldn't. I wanted to stop saying the wrong things but couldn't do that either. Now, with the Holy Spirit's power, I am able to change my conversations with others. With Your righteousness in my heart and the Spirit's power in my mouth, I know You are finding nothing displeasing in me or my conversation. Thank You for making that possible. I know I make mistakes. But, it is great that they are not causing me to be punished. Help me to never use Your grace to go on doing and saying things that are wrong.

Psa 17:4 (NIV) As for the deeds of men-- by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent. Your Word, Heavenly Father, has brought great power into my life. I thank You for helping me to spend so much more time in it. I thank You for bringing its meaning into my heart and mind. Your Holy Spirit is opening it up to me in such a wonderful and powerful way. I would be so harmful and damaging to those around me, if you didn't send Your words into my life. You speak with such creative power. When You speak, my life changes in a beautiful way. You are making me into a much better person. I will never be able to praise You enough for all You have and are doing in me.

Psa 17:5 (NIV) My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not slipped. Ever since You have given me Your grace and mercy, my walk with You has been so much more consistent. Before, I was constantly failing You. As Your Holy Spirit continues to teach and transform me I am living according to Your ways more and more. I use to walk for a while in the things of the world and then awhile in Your ways. Now I am starting to see much more of my life being lived according to those ways that please You. Thank You for keeping my feet from slipping off of Your path.

**Psa 17:6 (NIV) I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.** God, You have never failed or let me down. Every time I call on You, You always answer and respond to my requests. I am calling on You now because I know You will always hear me and answer my prayers. I desperately need for You to listen to me. I can't live without You hearing and answering me. My relationship with You is vital. When You listen to me, it gives me such a peace and satisfaction that You are taking care of everything. I know You will only respond to me when I ask You to. I know I have to pray before You will answer. So, I am asking for Your ear as I present my needs before You. Please keep responding to every prayer I pray. I cannot live without You and all You have to offer.

Psa 17:7 (NIV) Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes. I am asking for the wonders of Your great love. I want and need these wonders to flow in and through me to those who also need Your help. I and all the people around me need the manifestations of Your love in every area of our lives. Your love gives us a reason for living life. We survive by means of it. The wonders of Your great love helps us to know that You will protect us with the power of Your right hand. I and the rest of Your people are taking advantage of the refuge You have provided us. You are our refuge and strong tower. You are the reason we have nothing to fear. Our foes are already defeated by the provisions of Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Psa 17:8 (NIV) Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings I ask for Your love to keep me with such care and protection that it would be like protecting and providing for Your eye. I want to be as close to You as I can get. I want to be as precious to You as a human can possibly be. I want to be one of Your most precious children. I want to be hidden under Your care like a bird covers their babies under their wings. I want to feel that constant love and protection from Your wings. There is no power and provision like You offer me. When I have You keeping and hiding me inside of You, I know nothing can hurt me. I am completely safe from anything that wouldn't be good for me.

**Psa 17:9 (NIV) from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.** I have a lot of evil things and forces that hate me. They would like to destroy me and my influence in this world for You. Satan and all his cohorts hate me and all the work I am doing in response to Your great commission. The evil people working for him are trying to keep me from feeling free to share Your great Name with the needy. Keep me as the apple of Your eye. Hide me in the shadow of Your wings from them. Without You and You power and protection, they would stop me and destroy me and all I am doing by means of You. I need Your spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, and ministerial anointing and protection against all of them.

**Psa 17:10 (NIV)** They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance. These are people who have already made up their minds. They don't want You and they don't want anyone else to have You. They feel free to say all kinds of evil things against You, Your Son, and Your people. They are not only corrupt, they are corrupting all kinds of innocent people who aren't protected by Your great salvation. These people aren't going to turn to You. If You agree that they are not going to turn to You, I ask that You would stop their influence and protect the innocent and needy from their mouths.

**Psa 17:11 (NIV)** They have tracked me down, they now surround me, with eyes alert, to throw me to the ground. They appear to only be Your enemies. The way they are treating me looks like they are against all You stand for. I am devoted to You and all You have to offer me and the needy in this world. When they track me down, they are tracking Your servant down. When they surround me, they are blocking off all You want to accomplish through me. When they throw me to the ground, they are keeping me from doing all You have called me to do.

Psa 17:12 (NIV) They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover. They want to destroy me and all You have commissioned for me to do. Their attitudes and procedures are evil. They are like their father, the devil. He goes around like a lion looking for all he can destroy. They are showing the same signs. They are trying to do the work of Satan. Satan is a defeated foe. Therefore, they are a defeated foe. I appeal to Your provisions against them. Surely they have proven that they are dedicated to working against You and all You are doing through me. Surely they qualify for debilitation and destruction. Judge them on the basis of their activities and character.

Psa 17:13 (NIV) Rise up, O LORD, confront them, bring them down; rescue me from the wicked by your sword. Lord, I am asking for Your presence and power to be brought against these people who have dedicated themselves to doing evil. Bring them into account for their activities and the damage they are doing to others. Their filth is permeating the lives of so many innocent and helpless people. Bring them down, Heavenly Father. By stopping them, You will be opening up the doors for me to help those who do not know You. By bringing them down, You will be making it possible for me to escape the wicked efforts they are sending against me. If they kill me or stop me, I won't be able to do the work You have called me to do. Their weapons are aimed at me and all I stand for. It is Your work that is at stake. It is the needs of desperate people that won't be met.

Psa 17:14 (NIV) O LORD, by your hand save me from such men, from men of this world whose reward is in this life. You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty, and they store up wealth for their children. Lord, I am asking You to use Your hand to save me from all such people who are resisting me because they not only don't want You; but, they don't want anyone else to have You either. They aren't interested in Your eternal rewards. They don't care about Your Kingdom. They are only after all they can get from this world and its system. They aren't seeking any of Your provisions. I am seeking You and all You have to offer. I want to have a close and intimate relationship with You. All my needs are only met as I seek You. I look only to You for the meeting of my needs. I have given up all dependency on all other provisions. Your Holy Spirit has healed me from depending on any other source other than You.

Psa 17:15 (NIV) And I--in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness. My needs for Your righteousness have all met through Jesus. I know that I am going to see Your face. I know I am going to spend eternity with You. If I die before Jesus comes, I know that all my desires and expectations will be fully met in seeing You. I want to be totally pleasing in Your sight here on earth so I won't be disappointing to You in anyway. When I finally get to see You, I want You to be one-hundred percent satisfied with my cooperation with Your Holy Spirit here in this life. I am looking forward to seeing You and having You say You are totally pleased with me and my obedience of Your commands. I want to so yield to Your Holy Spirit that You will see my love for You through all the activities and word of my life. When I see You, I know I will be like You. I ask to take on Your character and love as I obey Your commission to reach all who need You.

## **PSALM 18**

God, I want the freedom to preach Your message.

Psa 18:1 (NIV) For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

God, You are so wonderful to me. I love You deeply. There is no one like You. My heart sings when I think of You. Day and night I love talking and listening to You. I get my life from You. You are the breath I breathe. I wouldn't have the strength to face the day if it were not for You. Life wouldn't be worth living if You didn't give me Your strength and love. Thank You for being my God.

Psa 18:2 (NIV) The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I have built my life on You as the rock of my foundation. All my relationships are based on You as the rock of my life. I have run inside of You to hide from all that would try to do damage to me. You are constantly protecting me and watching over me. Things that would have come into my life to do me harm have been stopped before I even knew I was in danger. Before I even found out that I was about to be in trouble, You blocked it off. I praise You for all the things I haven't had to go through. I thank You for stopping things before they reached me. You are my fortress and my deliverer.

You have shielded me from things that we much worse than I experienced from them. You have saved me from eternal damnation and saved me to eternal life in You. I know that I am going to spend eternity with You. Because You are my stronghold, I don't have to worry about the fact that I am not adequate to make it there on my own. You are my stronghold that guarantees that I will spend eternity with You. You have taken all my weaknesses and put Your strength in their place. I am strong in You.

Psa 18:3 (NIV) I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. All I have to do is call. I don't have to put up with my enemies. You are always there to respond to my call. You never sleep. You are never too busy. You are always there ready to save me from all they are trying to do to me. I praise You and no other because You alone are worthy of all praise. There is no one who will care and do like You do. No one and nothing is going to do better than You. I don't want to steal Your praise and I dedicate myself to not praising anyone but You. You alone are worthy.

**Psa 18:4 (NIV)** The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. Even when it looked like I was coming to an end of my life, You were there. When things were so hard that I was weary of life, You were there. In moments where I was so depressed that I couldn't think of one good thing, You were there. At times when it felt like heaven had been coated over with iron, You were still there.

**Psa 18:5 (NIV)** The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. There were times when it looked like it was all over. I saw no hope that I was going to be able to live. It appeared that Satan and all my enemies had won. I saw nothing that was indicating that I was going to be spared. Death seemed certain. My life's commission and all the assignments You had given me seemed to be left undone. There was going to be no more time to reach out to help them. My goals and aspirations were only going to be pipe dreams. The things You and I were going to do together looked to be scrapped. I could feel myself give up and accept an ending of all we dreamed together. My life had come to a sudden and empty end.

Psa 18:6 (NIV) In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. But, all of a sudden, I felt Your strength help me to cry out one more time. Somewhere deep down inside my spirit I could feel You encouraging me to use the last bit of strength to say Your Name. In all the darkness around me I saw one tiny glimmer of light and hope. With the last ounce of faith You anointed me to call out to You. I knew this was my last ditch effort. If this whimper wasn't heard, I was gone. Even though all appeared lost, You were there to respond to my cry. In the moment of my deepest distress I called to You, my Lord. I cried out to You, my God, for help in the moment of my greatest need. From deep inside my heart You heard me. You heard the smallest cry. From Your high and lifted up throne You could still hear my whisper. Like the smallest breeze it came to You. Your ears were so in tune with my heart You heard me.

Psa 18:7 (NIV) The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. Your response was wonderful. I could feel Your power flow through me. I could see You change the world around me. Circumstances that were much to big for me were shaken and chastised. Your anger shook them to their foundations. You arose from Your mighty throne and came to my defense. I could see how upset You were because of the mistreatment I had experienced. Your anger against my enemies was so powerful that they all trembled. Those who seemed so strong when coming against me, now seemed insignificant before You.

Psa 18:8 (NIV) Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it. It is an exciting thing to have You show Your strength and Your fury in my behalf. I have never experienced anyone who has come to my rescue with such anger. I can see that You feel strongly about the problems, troubles, persecutions I go through. Satan tries to tell me that You don't care. During those times when You wait for awhile before You step in, I have been tempted to believe that You weren't in touch with my problems. I repent for entertaining such thoughts for even a second. This display of Your anger against those who are coming against me is more than enough to bring me into total faith in You and Your provisions.

Psa 18:9 (NIV) He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. You are actively involved in all my needs. You care like no other. Your response is in pure love for me. As I watch You move against those who have tried to destroy me, I see a mighty God Who loves me intensely. You are all powerful and You are using that power to protect and deliver me. You are withholding nothing good from me. You were just waiting for them to fill up their cup with evil. You were patient with them and gave them plenty of time to change their mind and stop doing evil. But now, since they have not repented and stopped their evil against me, You are bringing Your great wrath against them.

Psa 18:10 (NIV) He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. Once evil people have had adequate opportunities to change from their wickedness, You bring swift judgment. At the exact moment, You move with great speed to deliver me. It all looked like delay and slow delivery to me. Because of all the suffering they were inflicting on me, it felt like You were taking too long. But now that I see You in action I can see You are not slow at all. You waited the perfect amount of time for them to repent then You delayed no longer. You are perfect in all Your decisions. I often don't see things from Your perspective. Help me to learn from all this. Help me to stay in agreement with You concerning all that You do. I never want to doubt You or feel You are taking too long. Right now I see the speed of Your deliverance. I see how incredibly fast You are coming to my rescue. You are perfect in the speed of Your response to my prayers.

Psa 18:11 (NIV) He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—the dark rain clouds of the sky. You are so brilliant in everything You do. Neither I nor my enemies can analyze Your wisdom in all Your decisions. My enemies don't see You coming. They don't know it but they are stopped in their tracks. They don't realize that You are coming. They can't see what I see. Even before You attack them, I see my deliverance being brought about. I see You taking action and know that You are on the way. I am excited even though You haven't changed what I see in the evil of my circumstances. What I do see is You wrapping Your self up in darkness and getting ready to strike. That is exciting to me.

Psa 18:12 (NIV) Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning. You are now moving out of obscurity into full view of me and my enemies. Your anger is now being seen by my eyes and theirs. The preliminary attack is being advanced. Even though You haven't yet touched them, they and I see that You are coming against them. I, who was suffering, am now rejoicing. They, who were rejoicing at my calamity, are now in great fear and dread. Already You have turned the circumstances around. Just by Your getting ready to strike You have improved my situation. Their eyes are no longer on me. They are now cringing at the sight of You.

**Psa 18:13 (NIV)** The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded. The creative power of Your words are being spoken. What was is now being changed into what is going to be. Out of Your mouth comes my deliverance. Your voice is all I need. When You speak, everything changes for my deliverance and benefit. All You have to do is speak the word and it is automatically done. Out of what You say comes the creation of all that I will ever need. What my enemies hear as earth shaking thunder, I hear as a loving voice of my Father. You, the Most High, speak in a resounding voice and I hear my Heavenly Father speaking freedom for my life and circumstances. I love hearing Your voice. When You speak, I know I am totally set free. My excitement builds to great happiness and appreciation. I can see all the answers to my prayers coming through the resonance of Your voice.

**Psa 18:14 (NIV)** He shot his arrows and scattered the enemies, great bolts of lightning and routed them. My enemies don't hear Your voice, my God. They only feel the results of Your anger. You are coming at them from all directions. Their circumstances, friends, enemies, and systems are all coming against them. Everything they have put their trust in is failing them. Every direction they turn they find failure and defeat. You have rewarded them with the very things they have planned against me. Nothing they do helps their plight.

Psa 18:15 (NIV) The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils. You are showing all who resist me and those who serve You just how great You are. We have represented Your message and You to all the people of the earth. The evil doers have told everyone that You do not exist. They had duped the people and caused them to be ashamed to admit they believe in You. They had hurt the weak and needy and refused to let us help them. But now they are out of the way and we can fulfill the ministry You have given us.

Psa 18:16 (NIV) He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. God, Your healing power is restoring me back to health. You are restoring all that they have taken from me. You are picking me back up and putting me on solid ground. The flood of oppression that they dumped me into, You have pulled me out of. You have reached down from heaven and grabbed me out of the pit of death. Instead of drowning in it You have saved my life. You are helping me to get ready to share You with all who will listen. All of this experience has given me a whole new story to tell. I will be able to share all that has happened to me with the unsaved. I will be able to tell them how great You are.

**Psa 18:17 (NIV)** He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. Those around me are going through a lot of what I am going through. They are being mauled by the enemy. They too are too weak to defend themselves. My victory will encourage them to put their trust in You. Your rescuing my life has given me more things to tell them. I have seen You in action and I know more of Your love than I did before. The impossibilities that I faced are similar to the impossibilities others face. The fact that You showed Your love to me will give them hope. Nothing is impossible for You. Even though it is impossible for us, we are still not lost. You will demonstrate Your love and set all of us free if we will call on Your Name.

**Psa 18:18 (NIV)** They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. I know You love everyone as much as You love me. I know that this deliverance isn't unique to anyone. When others are confronted with destruction and hopelessness, You will be their support as well. You didn't support me so that I alone could be delivered. This deliverance has opened the doors to large quantities of people's deliverance. You are just showing me how You work. You are building my faith and trust in You in a more complete way. Since You are my support, I now know just how great of a support You are to everyone everywhere.

Psa 18:19 (NIV) He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. Heavenly Father, this has brought us so much closer. My heart has been overwhelmed with Your love. One minute I thought I was dead and defeated. Then You stepped in and showed me aspects of Your greatness that I have never known. I thought that the experiences I was going through were going to kill me and end my work with You. But, You worked miracles in my life that introduced me to Who You really are. I have never lived with such victory and blessings than I am now experiencing. You have not only delivered me from destruction You have blessed me with more than I have ever had before. I feel Your love and delight in me like I never felt before. All that I went through was worth it.

Psa 18:20 (NIV) The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. If it hadn't been for Jesus, I wouldn't have had any rights or opportunities to call on You for help. My sins and shortcomings would have blocked off my access to You. But by Jesus being the Truth, the Life, and the Way to You; You made me a member of Your family. You put the family robe of righteousness on me. You cleaned me up and gave me direct access to You and all You provide. With Your righteousness in me and Your power to do righteous things with my hands, I have been rewarded with Your mighty deliverance, blessings, and anointing. Your rewards are beyond anything I could have ever thought of or asked for.

**Psa 18:21 (NIV)** For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. Before Jesus, I never sought You. I never walked in Your ways. I always did evil. Now with the power of His salvation I have been able to keep Your ways, live on the basis of Your righteousness, and never turn away from You. As a matter of fact, I not only don't turn away from You; I have been drawing closer and closer to You. This victory was all made possible through Your Son, Jesus. Without Him I would have never been able to cry out to You for help. Thank You for giving Him to me and all who will receive Him. He is making a miraculous difference in and through us now and for all eternity.

Psa 18:22 (NIV) All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees. Your Holy Spirit has come into my body and has made it His temple. I now have a Spirit to spirit relationship with Him. He has been teaching me Your Word. He has helped me to know and understand the things that Jesus taught when He was on this earth. He has been empowering me to live according to those Truths. He has been transforming my life and ministry. He has been awesome to me.

#### Psa 18:23 (NIV) I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.

Because of the provisions through Jesus and the intimate relationship of Your Holy Spirit, my record is blameless before You. You have credited my account with blamelessness and have considered me to be sinless. Now with all of that and the miracles You have been working in my heart, I am growing into a life that is more and more righteous every day. Jesus is living through me and influencing me and those around me with His godliness. I am starting to treat the people around me with more of the character of Christ everyday. None of this is possible without Your constant flow of Your presence in and through me.

**Psa 18:24 (NIV)** The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. You are looking at me through the blood and provisions of Jesus. You are empowering me with the life and presence of Jesus. You are rewarding me according to all He has done. Your generosity is beyond anything I could ever imagine. You have done all the work and I am getting blessed for it. I praise You for Your grace and mercy.

Psa 18:25 (NIV) To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, First You make me faithful and blameless. Then You treat me with faithfulness and blamelessness. You truly withhold no good thing from Your people. Your love is so wonderful. You alone are worthy of my praise. You deserve my praise before all the people of this world and throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. I owe You my heart and my life. You deserve all that I can do to let everyone know how great You are. I open my heart up to all You have to offer so that I can do all You can do through me. I want everyone to know how great You are.

**Psa 18:26 (NIV) to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.** You have made me pure and have straightened out my life. Because of this provision I am able to yield to Your work and present these characteristics to those around me. Because You are in me, I can help the helpless and defeat the crooked. I can treat everyone with purity and show them how pure You are. I can help people to see the difference between Your purity and the crookedness of the evil. They will be able to see the contrast and make a knowledgeable decision in regards to serving You.

Psa 18:27 (NIV) You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

The prideful see no need in trusting You. They think they can do it all by means of their own power, skill, and efforts. As long as they remain prideful they will never see their need for You. It wasn't until You brought me low that I saw how much I needed You. Thank You for bringing me low. Thank You for causing or letting things happen to the haughty. That is their only hope of coming to You. Thank You for the humility You have provided me. The work You have done in my life is beautiful. With Your provision of humility placed in my heart and life, I am now able to continuously experience all that Your salvation makes available.

Psa 18:28 (NIV) You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. You have put Your Spirit in me and have brought His light into my inner most being. His fire is ignited in my heart and is lighting up every room in it. All those dark areas that were closed up because of hurts and wounds, He is opening up and putting His light of healing and blessing in them. Not only have I been brought from darkness into light concerning sin, I have darkness being continually removed by the light of the Holy Spirit. The darkness of past experiences that I still remember are being healed. Things I tried to heal by attempting to forget them are being healed by His light.

Psa 18:29 (NIV) With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. I have gone from total destruction and death to being available to Your mighty work. I am ready to be mightily use by You to defeat the enemy that is occupying the lives and hearts of so many desperate people. With Your anointing on my life, I will be able to set large quantities of people free from the occupation of Satan's influences on their lives. The hoards of evil entities and evil people who are lined up against You and Your work are all prepared for defeat. Jesus defeated them with His death and resurrection. Your Gospel message will bring victory against their efforts to blind the lost. Every barrier Satan has put up to stop Your delivering power from coming to the needy, I can get over or through with Your power.

Psa 18:30 (NIV) As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. Your ways are perfect. I don't need to add anything to Who You are and what You do. I open my life and ministry to total obedience to Your will and Your ways. I want to always speak only those things that are in Your Word. It is flawless and needs no additional work. I want to express Your meaning and Your meaning only. Let Your Holy Spirit so train and implant Your Word in my heart, life, and ministry; that I express Your intentions in all that I say and do. Enable me to present You as a shield for all who are willing to accept You as their refuge. Help me to help them to find You, look to You for help, and let You provide them with protection and deliverance.

Psa 18:31 (NIV) For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? Help me to help them to stop looking somewhere else for help. There is no other way for them to be helped. Anoint me to present You as the only God. People are looking to all kinds of things to try to get help. They keep experiencing failure after failure. Many come to the end of their life and still have not learned that You are their only answer. Those that will hear and do what Your Word says will build their house on the Rock. No matter what comes against them they will be able to stand. Let me be a channel through which You flow into their lives so they will be saved.

#### Psa 18:32 (NIV) It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.

I can't live this life or do this ministry without You. I am too weak and too inadequate to be the person I need to be. Nothing that is pleasing in Your sight is going to emanate out of my life and ministry. It won't happen without You arming me with Your strength. You alone are perfect. I am never going to have anything to do with perfection. You alone are going to be able to produce perfection through my life and ministry. They want, need, and must get You. I want You flowing in and through me. You alone are going to meet their needs and change their life and eternal destiny. Please let me give them You.

Psa 18:33 (NIV) He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights. Not too long ago I was as good as dead. Because of Your great intervention I am ready to go wherever You need me to go. I can go where I couldn't go before. I can go with the speed that only You can give. I can reach places that are typically impossible to reach. You have given me abilities that my body was unable to perform. I give this body to Your work so Jesus can stretch out my hands and touch His people. I am ready to let Him use me to do what He wants done in places that I before could not reach. I want His will and His ministry to be free to go anywhere He wants to go.

#### Psa 18:34 (NIV) He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

This body of death has been transformed into a vehicle to do Your mighty work. You have made me ready for spiritual battle. Your Holy Spirit is making me ready to be very skillful in meeting the needs of all who need Your touch. The victories that Satan thinks he has are as good as gone. Already You are preparing me and multitudes of others who are ready to defeat him in every life who is willing. I can do mighty things because You are giving me the strength, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and love to use Your powerful weapons to destroy the works of the devil.

Psa 18:35 (NIV) You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. I will have great victory by means of Your mighty work. You will set Your people free from all that Satan has, is doing, and want to do against them. You are protecting me with Your shield of victory. Your right hand of power is working in and through me. You are stooping down to make me great for Your glory and honor. I believe in You to help me to give all the greatness You accomplish through me as glory to Your Name and Your Name only. You alone deserve honor and praise. You alone can and are doing this work. People need to see You alone. They must see You and turn to You for their help. I give You all that I am so You can do all You are.

#### Psa 18:36 (NIV) You broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn.

This path to all the people who need You is broadened. You have made it easy for me and all who are willing to get to the needy. My body won't have any problems going where You want me to go. I will have Your preparations so I will be able to go without obstructions or barriers. The time is short and You are preparing the way for me to go with Your speed and with Your success. My physical limitations will not interfere because You have taken care of all my circumstances.

**Psa 18:37 (NIV) I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed.** The battle is now totally different. Those who were about to destroy me are now being destroyed by me. You have so moved into my life and being that I am now able to pursue the pursuers. Not only have I been delivered, I have been made victorious. You are giving me the opportunity to pursue those who have resisted my life and ministry and overtake them. They will have to give up all they have conquered. They will have to release them and let You heal them. You are giving me the power and provisions to not turn back until all the destroyers are destroyed. Every person they have deceived will be given an opportunity to hear Your message and be set free.

Psa 18:38 (NIV) I crushed them so that they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet. Your victory in and through me is going to be complete. You are the great God Who has made perfect provisions for all who will give their ministries over to You. I and those willing will reach every person on this planet with Your powerful message. Satan and all his cohorts will not be able to stop us. They will be crushed and they will not rise. They will fall beneath our feet. Your message will go into all the world and be preached to every person. You have made all this possible and You have commanded us to yield to it. We say "yes" to You.

**Psa 18:39 (NIV)** You armed me with strength for battle; you made my adversaries bow at my feet. I have Your provisions. I yield to those provisions. I go in Your Name to use those provisions and make them available to all who will use them for Your glory. Your strength is more than enough to do the job You have called me and many others to do. It is enough to make all our adversaries to bow at our feet. We have to have this success in order to deliver these needy people. They bow before us for Your glory. You are using us to conquer them. But, we only conquered them because You made them bow down. It is Your victory and I want all the world and all in eternity to know that it is Your victory.

**Psa 18:40 (NIV)** You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes. I give up all memory of my enemies' strength. I give up all fear that they caused me to have. I no longer see myself under their attack. I see myself in the place You have put me. I was only under their attack because I was trying to defend myself. They only looked powerful because I was comparing them with me. I have seen You in action and I now have a different perspective of who they are. They are nothing to me because You live in me. Because You live in me, my enemies turn their backs in flight. Because You live in me, I am now able to destroy my foes. My foes are the foes of the lost. When I destroy my foes, You and I are destroying their foes. This isn't a selfish battle. This is a worldwide battle for all who will call on You.

Psa 18:41 (NIV) They cried for help, but there was no one to save them-- to the LORD, but he did not answer. These foes have no one to turn to for help. Satan is too powerless to defeat You. He can't come to their rescue. They can't get You to help them. You are against them and all they do. Their defeat is swift, complete, and permanent. The whole world shall hear about Your greatness, mighty God. Nothing shall be able to stop us from completing Your assignment that You have commissioned us to do.

Psa 18:42 (NIV) I beat them as fine as dust borne on the wind; I poured them out like mud in the streets. This is a great victory mighty God. The whole world will see You use Your people to accomplish everything You planned for us to do. The world will see how powerful You are. They will see they don't have to admire Satan's power. He has been fooling and lying to them. They are going to see the Truth and will know that You are the only, true God. There will be no confusion in their hearts. They will be able to see the Truth and make their decision as to what they are going to do about it. Every person on earth will be without excuse. You will help us do the job You have told us to do. You will help us be innocent of any of their blood.

Psa 18:43 (NIV) You have delivered me from the attacks of the people; you have made me the head of nations; people I did not know are subject to me. This body You have given me is now completely Yours. I give all accomplishments and victories to You. Not because they were mine to give. But, because they truly belong to You. All that You accomplish through me belongs to You. If You make me head of anything, I lay it at Your feet. If You make anything subject to me, I subject them to You. I want You to be head and I want all to be subject to You. I believe and trust You to keep me from exalting myself in any way. If the work You call me to do leads to any greatness, I cry out to You for protection from it. I can't handle anything that brings glory or honor to me. It would totally destroy me like it did Satan. You alone can handle glory and honor. You have absolute power and it hasn't corrupted You absolutely. Instead, You are totally gracious, merciful, generous, loving, and pure. You alone are worthy of any prestige, positions, leadership, or control.

#### Psa 18:44 (NIV) As soon as they hear me, they obey me; foreigners cringe before me.

I know that great things must be done in and through me and all who are willing to give their ministry to You. I know You are going to be doing incredible things so as to defeat Satan and set needy people free from his influence. But, I must have just as mighty a work done in me so that none of it will kill me. I cry out to You for a complete work to be done in me so I will yield to You to do Your work of greatness; and, so I will be completely set free from all pride or any other sin or shortcoming that would destroy me. We all need You to protect us from Your greatness as You work through us. Let Your Holy Spirit move into our spirit in such a way that we will be able to be used by You in complete safety.

#### Psa 18:45 (NIV) They all lose heart; they come trembling from their strongholds.

You are taking all the confidence away from people who acting like they knew they were right. Their bold and authoritative speech fooled large quantities of people. They came across as if I was a fool and they were the experts. Sincere people who want to do and believe the truth are duped by their confident presentations. Now they are losing heart. They are no longer able to boldly present their lies. You are stripping them of all their authority, positions, and influence. All people are seeing them as they really are. They are coming out of their places of authority and influence. They are leaving places of education, religion, government, and entertainment. They are giving up their places of leadership. Their weaknesses and lies are being revealed. Their character is being opened up so all can see. Great fear is stripping them of all boldness, determination, assurance, and blatant deceit.

#### Psa 18:46 (NIV) The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

All are going to see that You live. All the lies about You are going to be laid bare. Me and all who will give their ministries up to You will be able to share Your Truth without hindrance. You are opening all doors. You are making sure every person gets a chance to hear, see, and experience the Truth. I praise You for Your grace, mercy, love, and generosity. There is no one like You. We all exalt You, my God and Savior. Thank You for doing such a wonderful work in and around the lives of those who need to hear about You. Thank You for opening up such great opportunities to spread Your Gospel message to the whole earth.

## Psa 18:47 (NIV) He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,

You have changed everything. Governments, political systems, religious systems, social systems, and anything else that has stood in resistance to You and Your message; have all been destroyed. I have a clear path to present You and all You have to offer to everyone. There is no where I can't go to present the Gospel message to everyone. All shall know about Your greatness. No one shall be ignorant of Your Truth. Nothing shall hinder everyone from hearing all about You. You have opened the doors and no one can close them. You have given me and all who will obey, the opportunity, power, abilities, time, resources, character, and desire to go into all the world and preach Your Gospel to every person. Thank You awesome God for Your greatness.

Psa 18:48 (NIV) who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from violent men you rescued me. I have been delivered. I have been freed. I have been empowered. I have been sent. I can now walk over the top of them and go straight to those who will hear Your message. My enemies can no longer stand in my way. They can't do anything to even try to stop me. They thought they were in control. You have shown them that You, Who are in me, are greater than they are. You have exalted me far above them so I can do my job. They were violent against me and were keeping me from getting to the people You sent me to. But, You have rescued me and have given me complete victory over them. There is no longer anything they can do to stop me.

**Psa 18:49 (NIV)** Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD; I will sing praises to your name. Now I am free to praise You among the nations. Now I can shout Your Name before all people. You have made it possible for me to say all the great things You have done. I can sing Your praises freely to all mankind. I now present Your great Name to all. All shall hear about You and shall see how great You are. None shall be missed. Everyone will get a chance to experience all You have to offer. There will be no one left with any kind of excuse. If any reject You, they will do so with more than enough evidences to make You their God.

Psa 18:50 (NIV) He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever. You Jesus, Who sits on the throne of David, shall have great victories through the lives and ministries of all who will obey You. God is using us to serve You before all mankind. We go and proclaim all God's greatness so all can hear about His unfailing kindness to You. You and we, Your descendants, will be blessed forever. Through You we will not only succeed in our current assignment; but, we will rule and reign forever. We take advantage of all Your great provisions through Salvation. We raise up and yield to You and Your ministry, Jesus. We live; but, it really isn't us living. It is You Who are going into all the earth proclaiming this Gospel message. When we give You the glory of this success. We aren't being modest. We are telling the truth. It really is Your ministry, the ministry of Christ, that is flowing in and through us. In the end You will have done all that You and the Father have decided. I and all who will obey all that You taught, will simply be instruments in Your dynamic hands. It is Your ministry, work, miracles, accomplishments, and transformations that are flowing in and through our lives and bodies. God has opened these doors to us so as to give You, mighty King, great victories.

## **PSALM 19**

## God, I see You in Your creation and in Your Word.

Psa 19:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. I see Your greatness all around me. The beauty of all You have created. Nothing would be here if it weren't for You, O God. You give us beauty, unity, and supply. All of Your creation is not only there, You have given us eyes to be able to see it, ears to be able to hear it, a nose to be able to smell it, and touch to be able to feel it. Your creation touches deep within our heart with Your love. You have spared nothing from us. From it we can see how great a God You are.

Psa 19:2 (NIV) Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. I hear what You are saying God. I receive Your message of love and provision. Your creation is telling me that You not only give me the basics You are providing me excesses. Your creation could have been a lot less and still met all my needs. But instead, You have blessed me with abundance. I could have seen in black and white. But You have given me full color. I could have heard in monotone, but You have given me stereo. I could have see in mono-vision, but You have given me depth perception. All the smells could have been good or bad, but You have given me a wide variety of fragrances. Day and night I hear Your message of love.

#### Psa 19:3 (NIV) There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

Everyone everywhere is able to see Your greatness. Your creation is telling them that You exist. They can look all around them and know that You love them. No one has been missed with the message of You great provisions. I thank You for being so generous with Your message. Everyone has heard the voice of Your creation and has learned all they need to know. Your creation has made it clear to us. You are right here ready to give us all our spiritual blessings. Just as You have supplied all our physical needs. So You have supplied all our spiritual needs. Your Holy Spirit is explaining all of the meaning to all the people. I know what You stand for. I know the kind of person You want me to be.

Psa 19:4 (NIV) Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, I understand that You want me to provide Jesus' message generously. I hear You as You speak through all Your creation. This world is just the beginning. The heavens are all going to be made new. This creation is just the seed that is to be planted. From it will grow a great universe. The seed is beautiful. But, the plant that grows from it will be awesome. The organization and unity of this beginning creation will be transformed into a place where everything will be perfect.

Psa 19:5 (NIV) which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. The light You have provided us through the sun is like the light You have given us from Your Son. I rejoice in the morning of His coming. I bask in the light of His radiance. His ministry past across our horizons. The warmth of His love filled my heart. The darkness of my soul disappeared. The shadows of sin ran away. Like a champion who rejoiced in doing His work, He saved me from the depth of my despair. You are the bridegroom coming forth for Your bride. We, Your Church, run to meet You in the sky.

Psa 19:6 (NIV) It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. The sun You have created gives me the message. I can see Jesus in all His glory. His message is flowing from me and all Your people. Get ready for Jesus His light is shining all around You. His truth is spreading from one end of the heavens. His glory is being revealed to everyone. The heat of His message is melting every person's heart. His love is traveling all around the earth. I will do everything I can to see to it that all hear Your voice.

Psa 19:7 (NIV) The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Not only have You given us Your creation, You have provided us with Your Word. It too is making know all Your greatness. It revives our soul through its power. I know You are real because of its transformation. You have proven that You can be trusted with everything I am. You have never failed me. Your Word has done everything You have sent it to do. You have always fulfilled all Your promises. You have taken my simplicity and given me Your wisdom.

Psa 19:8 (NIV) The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. Everything I have read in Your Word has proven to be true. Every Truth is have received into my life has brought me joy. When I went out to live on the basis of Your Word, I could see where I was going. Your Truth radiated out all around me. I was no longer in the dark. My path was clear and I felt no more confusion. I didn't have to worry about what was going to happen next. I could see where You wanted me to walk. And, I could avoid the paths of evil. I was no longer like a blind person. Groping and stumbling through life. What a joy it is to always be guided by the brilliance of Your Word.

Psa 19:9 (NIV) The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. I use to fear the opinions of others. I use to try to follow all their wishes. My life was governed by society. I wanted to look, act, and believe like them. But, You have put a deep desire in me to please You. My concern for what You want now governs my life. Your opinions are my priority. Your laws are the guide for all I do. I am experiencing Your purity. You are keeping me for all eternity. You are my eternal Father. I know I can trust everything You say. Not only are all Your words pure, everlasting, and totally reliable; they are righteous in everyway.

Psa 19:10 (NIV) They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. There is nothing in this world that compares to You and Your Word. I give up my pursuit of worldly things. There is nothing of value in all that the world has to offer. Those things I use to consider important are no longer my concern. Your Holy Spirit has opened my eyes to the Truth. I can see what is important and what satisfies. The things Your Word has held up as important are real. Thank You for delivering me from all the confusion. You have redirected my goals. You have redefined my desires. You have transformed my purpose in life.

Psa 19:11 (NIV) By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. You have provided warnings for all that is dangerous. Things that looks good to me were deadly. I couldn't tell when I was endangering myself. My ability to understand what was good and what was bad was misdirected. I was too simple and without understanding to choose the things around me. Then You stepped in and warned me about everything that would do me harm. Now I see the dangers. I am running from all that is waiting to hurt and kill me. I am running toward all You have provided. I am and will continue to receive all Your blessing and rewards. Rather than always being damaged and having to cry out for Your deliverance, You have shown me how to stay in Your will and Your plan.

Psa 19:12 (NIV) Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. I know You have much more to teach me. I am just beginning to learn the greatness of Your ways. My faults, failures, and shortcomings are always with me. But, Your strength is made perfect in them all. I am not proud of my errors. I am only excited that You are using my lack of ability to show me how much I need You. Forgive me for being so weak. Take them and teach me how much I have to always depend on You for everything. I know there are things wrong with me that I don't know about. They are hidden from my mind. Use even those to teach me. Change them and make me more available to You. Your forgiveness will make me into a person who is completely yielded and attached to You.

Psa 19:13 (NIV) Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. I lay my will at Your feet. I want Your will, not my own. Your Holy Spirit has helped me to want You. He has started my on a path to placing my will into Your plan. However, I don't want my will to operate on its own. I need You in that area too. Thank You for helping me to willfully come to You. That was the extent of my involvement in Your plan of salvation. From now on forever I need You to keep me from willfully sinning. Remove sin's power from me. Transform me so I can live a blameless, innocent life. Free me from all transgression. Bring me into a close and intimate love relationship with You.

Psa 19:14 (NIV) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. I want everything I say and everything I ponder to be those things that are pleasing to You. You are my foundation, my protection, and my salvation. I believe in You for the control of my mouth and my heart. Store all Your Truth in my heart. Keep it constantly in front of my thoughts. Let it govern every word from my mouth. Let my mouth then direct my body. Make me completely pleasing to You in word and deed. Produce Your greatness in me. Then let it flow through me to all those around me. Let my words and deeds represent Your glory and honor to all who will listen to Your Truth.

#### PSALM 20

God, I ask for Your blessings on Your People.

Psa 20:1 (NIV) For the director of music. A psalm of David. May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. I pray for those in distress, mighty God. I pray for your protection over Your people. Satan wants to destroy them and all they are doing for Your glory and honor. They carry Your Name into all the earth. They represent Your greatness to those who don't know Your character and love. They are an example of Your protection and help. They are showing the whole world how You help in time of need. Answer their prayers and deliver them from all that would harm them. Prosper them abundantly as They spread Your Word.

Psa 20:2 (NIV) May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. I am Your temple. I am the dwelling place of Your Holy Spirit. I open my heart up to them and all their suffering. Pour Your help out through me in any way that pleases You. I am a part of Your Holy City in Zion. Let Your support flow through me to them. I pray and plead their case before Your throne of grace and mercy. Let Your mighty help and support flow into their lives and ministry. Every one of Your people need Your help and support. They can't live without all You have to offer. Many are suffering and dying for Your cause. Protect them and bless them with Your favor.

**Psa 20:3 (NIV)** May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. **Selah.** Jesus has become my sacrifice and burnt offering. He has died in my place. You have accepted Him as my substitute. He has opened the door to my free access to You. I take advantage of this free access. I move forward into the Holiest of Holies. I come before Your throne with confidence. I know that You have adopted me as Your child. I am sure You hear and answer my prayers. I see all Your people being delivered. Through the eyes of Your Spirit I see them being set free to proclaim Your glory to all the earth. Because of Jesus' sacrificial provisions I care and respond to all the pain they are suffering.

Psa 20:4 (NIV) May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Bless the desires of those who are serving You. Fulfill their heart's cry. They want the lost to be delivered. They have left homes, family, security, and comforts to tell everyone about Your great love. They only want people to hear about You. They want these people to know about Your Kingdom. They minister to them so they will be a part of Your family. They want them saved from eternal damnation. Their heart's desire is to be totally pleasing in Your sight. All their plans are for You, God. They have given up all their own plans. Give them great success in all that they plan to do. Let them see all Your plans succeed through their lives and ministry.

Psa 20:5 (NIV) We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. I will praise You and give glory to Your Name as I hear of all their victories. I will worship You and lay my life out before You as they give report of all who have accepted You. I devote myself to worshipping and praising the wonderful God who protected them and provided them open doors with safety. Thank You God for making me a part of all their ministry. Thank You for letting me suffer in my heart for their situations. I pour out my heart in sorrow so I can come back before You with great joy. I join them in all their requests. I agree with them for all that they are praying to do. Let the requests and the desires of these, Your people, be answered with great speed and great blessings.

Psa 20:6 (NIV) Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. You have proven over and over again that You are faithful to Your people. All those who have been anointed by Your Holy Spirit are saved and protected. Jesus, the first fruits of Your anointing, demonstrated Your great faithfulness to Your people. He provided us with a beautiful picture of how much You care for those who serve You. You constantly answer me from Your Holy Heaven. Your saving power flows from Your right hand to the needs of Your people. Your power is obvious to all who look to You. Thank You for using Your power to bless those who have left all to serve You.

Psa 20:7 (NIV) Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Many have tried to do Your work while trusting in technology. Many have felt that Your power and glory could be replaced by human plans and efforts. Many have built big building and huge ministries for their own glory. They have surrounded themselves with powerful systems of worldly procedure. In the mean time You have millions who are working through Your Spirit. They receive no glory or appreciation. Their trust is completely in You, God. They quietly sacrifice for Your glory and praise. It is the ones who have put their trust in You, Lord, that I pray for. Those who have put their trust in the Name of the Lord our God. Anoint them with great power. Use them to do a mighty work for Your Name. Bless everything they put their hands to. Let Your Name be lifted up through their life.

#### Psa 20:8 (NIV) They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

Those who have put their trust in human effort and techniques have fallen. You have brought them to their knees in defeat. You have proven that You are our only answer. We must all put our trust in the Name of the Lord, our God. I put my trust in Your Name, O God. I lay my life at Your feet. You alone are the answer to my needs. You alone are the answer to the lives and ministry of Your people. Let Your great power show all Your people that technology can't compare to Your Spirit. He will do this mighty work. I trust Him to do what nothing else has been able to do. Your message will go all around the world. Everyone everywhere will hear of Your greatness. All will receive plenty of opportunities to receive You as their Savior.

Psa 20:9 (NIV) O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call! Lord, You have made all of Your people kings and priests for Your glory. King Jesus has shared His positions and power to His people so they would be able to do all that was required of them to do. I have no excuse for not obeying Your commandments and Your commission. I yield to the work of Your greatness. You will flow through me and all Your people. We will see what You can do through us. You will prove to us now and in eternity that there is no one like You. We will feel, experience, and be used to allow Your power and holiness to flow to the needy. We will yield to Your supernatural power. You will use us to show Yourself powerful to deliver. We will see that Your way is the only way the great commission can be done. Without You, we can do nothing.

I call on You, my God. I cry out to all You have to offer. I lay down everything else so that I may have You. You are the only answer to the great needs of this world. I am never going to be able to do anything for You. Every accomplishment I make is going to be with You. I plead before Your throne of grace for Your work in and through my life and ministry. I open my heart to all You have to offer. There is nothing I can do without. There is never a moment that I can make it without You. There is never a decision that I can make without You. I need You and You alone. My heart cries out day and night for You. I am lost without Your constant presence. My ministry is dead without Your constant manifestations. People don't need me. They need You. I have nothing to offer but this body. I offer it totally to You. Meet the needs of Your people through it. Bless them abundantly through Your love.