

Psalm 20ⁱⁱⁱ

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his
right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

ⁱⁱⁱ **About the [Track 1] Psalm: Psalm 20**

This psalm is a prayer for the king in a time of war before a battle. The people ask for God's help (vv. 2-6) and are confident that this help will be given (vv. 7-10). Scholars surmise that when used in a liturgy there might have been some indication of God's assurance that was given between the two sections.