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*Radiant Reflections with Pastor Temaris*

5 - Day Devotional

Week of November 10, 2024

### **Devotional Summary:**

This week's journey through Psalm 20 has invited us to deepen our trust in God across various dimensions of our lives from seeking His help in distress to aligning our desires with His will. Each step has reminded us that true security and success come not from our own efforts, but from placing our trust in God's steadfast love and power. As we move forward, let's carry the confidence that "In God We Trust" is not just a phrase, but the foundation of our faith and the source of our strength.

### **Day 1: Divine Response in Times of Trouble**

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:1

**Reflection:** Consider the moments when you've faced significant challenges. How did you reach out to God during these times? This verse reassures us that God not only hears but responds when we call out to Him in our distress. His protection is not just a passive watching; it is an active presence, guarding us in times of need.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for being my refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Remind me to turn to You first, not as a last resort, but as my surest help.

**Action Step:** Think of a recent challenge and write a brief testimony of how God responded to your call for help. Share this with a friend or family member to encourage them.

### **Day 2: Help from the Holy Place**

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:2

**Reflection:** This verse speaks of divine help coming from the sanctuary, symbolizing God's presence and the spiritual support He provides. In our spiritual journey, the sanctuary—be it our personal place of prayer or our community of faith—serves as a base from which we receive God's strength. How do you connect with God's sanctuary in your daily life?

**Prayer:** Lord, I seek Your presence that emanates from Your holy sanctuary. Help me to find strength and support in my spiritual community and in my moments of private prayer.

**Action Step:** Visit your place of worship outside of regular service times this week. Spend some quiet time in prayer, seeking God's help and support.

### Day 3: Remembering God's Offerings

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:3

**Reflection:** This verse calls to mind the importance of our offerings to God both tangible and spiritual. What sacrifices have you made in your walk with God? Reflect on how these acts of devotion, no matter how small, are remembered and cherished by Him.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, thank You for seeing and valuing the sacrifices I make in Your name. Help me to continue offering my time, talents, and treasures for Your glory, knowing that You accept them with love.

**Action Step:** Make a list of the ways you can offer something to God this week, whether it's time spent in volunteer work, helping a neighbor, or dedicating time to prayer and study of the Scriptures.

### Day 4: Desires of Your Heart

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:4

**Reflection:** God cares about the desires of our hearts. When our desires align with His will, He delights in granting them. Reflect on your deepest desires—do they reflect God's will for your life? How can you align your personal goals with God's broader purpose?

**Prayer:** Dear Father, align my desires with Your divine will. Grant success to the plans that honor You, and guide me in paths that lead to eternal joy and satisfaction.

**Action Step:** Journal about your current desires and plans. Pray over them, asking God to reshape them according to His will. Identify one desire you can actively pursue this week that you believe aligns with God's purpose.

### Day 5: Trusting in God Above All

**Scripture:** Psalm 20:7-8

**Reflection:** In an age where many place their trust in material wealth and human strength, this verse calls us to put our trust in God above all else. What 'chariots' or 'horses' have you been relying on instead of God? How can shifting your trust to God change your approach to challenges?

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to trust in You fully. Let me not be misled by the allure of earthly power and possessions. You are my strength and my deliverer.

**Action Step:** Identify one area in your life where you've been relying more on material or human resources than on God. Commit to changing this pattern and consciously place your trust in God for that situation.

### Reflection