

**August 31, 2023**

The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Ps. 20:1-2** *May the LORD answer you when you are in distress, may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May He send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. (NIV)*

This is a Psalm of the people praying for the King as he prepares to lead the troops into battle against the enemy. This reminds us as Christians to pray for our leaders. We may not agree with the way they lead, but the LORD has allowed it for a reason. **Rom. 13:1** *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (NIV)* And again in **Col. 1:16-17** *For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (NIV)*

I have found that I have much more peace in my life when I remember Who is really in charge. He is watching over the affairs of man. Nothing is out of His purview. His word reminds us that before Jesus comes again, things will get worse. I believe the rapture could take place soon. I find peace in knowing that He holds the whole world in His hands. I don't have to listen to Fox News or CNN to know that what God has ordained will come to pass. They don't bring me comfort or distress; instead I find my peace in the LORD.

**Dear LORD, You hold all things in Your powerful hands. We can trust that You will always be in control, even when we don't agree, or we do agree. You are our only hope. We praise You. In Jesus Name, Amen**