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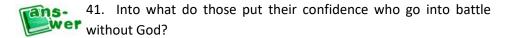
Prayer for others



Prayers are not always the same. There are prayers to give thanks, prayers for your own needs and prayers for others. The latter are prayers in which you bring the problems or worries of others before God. The pattern for such prayer can be found in today's Psalm. The person for whom we pray should experience God's help.

But it's more important that the fact becomes known: God has the power to protect everyone. He must be praised.

You could conclude from verses 6-9 that this Psalm may have been prayed by the king before a battle. This is because the author expresses clearly: Confidence in a strong army instead of in God is foolish confidence (v8). David made this mistake once himself. We read about it in 2 Samuel 24.



"Chariots and horses" used to be a term symbolic for the size of an army. Those who trusted in them despised God, who alone could give the victory. Isaiah 31:1 is a remarkable reference for this.



How much do you pray for others?

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