

# today's prayer

## Psalm 120

Gracious and Merciful Lord,

In the midst of my distress, I lift my voice to You, knowing that You are a God who hears and answers. I cry out to You, O Lord, seeking deliverance from the deceitful tongues and lying lips that surround me. Protect me, O God, from the snares of those who speak falsehood and seek to cause harm.

I acknowledge, Lord, that those who sow deceit and spread falsehoods will face the consequences of their actions. Just as a warrior's sharp arrows find their target and glowing coals bring judgment, I trust in Your righteous judgment and justice. You see all things, and nothing is hidden from Your sight.

I confess, O Lord, that I dwell among those who promote strife and hate peace. It grieves my heart to be surrounded by those who delight in discord and hostility. I long for peace, for unity, and for harmony. Yet, when I speak words of peace, they respond with aggression and a spirit of war.

O Lord, in this challenging situation, I seek Your wisdom and guidance. Grant me the strength to stand firm in my commitment to peace, even when confronted with hostility. Help me to respond with grace, love, and humility in the face of conflict. Give me the courage to be a peacemaker in a world filled with discord.

Lord, I surrender this situation into Your hands. I trust in Your divine intervention and ask for Your deliverance. Shield me from the harmful intentions of those who seek to deceive and cause strife. Grant me discernment to recognize falsehood and the wisdom to respond with truth and love.

May Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard my heart and mind. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, that I may be a vessel of peace and reconciliation in every circumstance. Use me, O Lord, to bring light into the darkness and to reflect Your love and mercy to those around me.

I pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Prince of Peace.

Amen.

