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**Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer, he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.**

Psalms 66:20 (CEB)

## A good approach

This is an auspicious verse from the Psalms and a fitting conclusion for a song of praise that honours God's greatness. The person making this prayer has unwavering trust in God. God does not forsake his people! Even if it sometimes looks like it when we face war or misfortune, this is all in aid of quality improvement: verse 10 says "You have tested us, you've refined us like silver". No rueful beating of the breast, no contrite confession of our own failure, no doubting search for a guilty party, but simple assurance that all works to the good of those who love God.

This kind of trust generates different emotions in me. Admiration on the one hand: I'd love to be like that. I'm not a fan of moaning and groaning and would rather see things in a positive light. But on the other hand I also feel a degree of wariness: is it

at all appropriate to have such trust in this world of ours? Is it true that the rebellious can no longer exult themselves and that God won't let our feet slip? The person praying this psalm speaks in the "We form". He thus speaks for his people, for society. He tells his people to praise and trust God. Is this the right approach? Should we be much more confident and positive in broadcasting God's goodness to all the world and counter the doomsday mood with our trust in His strength? I think so! It is my experience that hope makes us strong! It gives us the strength to resist and be creative in finding new paths to follow. And so time and again I curb my wariness and join the rejoicing worship of this psalm.

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## I GIVE THANKS

- that you will not turn your goodness from us, and never did so in the past!
- that I always see signs of hope alongside all the difficulties.
- that I can come to you with all my burdens.

## I PRAY

- that I may be brave and confident, particularly when I have no cause to be so.
- that I may see things in the right way with the ability to reflect on them
- for a constant flow of new ideas and the ongoing possibility of proclaiming your great goodness on the radio and in the internet, to give others hope.
- for people to share their hope and assurance with me so that we can encourage and inspire each other.

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