

The Lord is our Banner. We rally around Him for unity, direction, courage, and victory.

God is *Jehovah-nissi*, the Lord my Banner.

During Israel's battle with Amalek, Moses stood on the hilltop with the rod of God in his hand. When he held it up, Israel prevailed, and when he lowered it, Amalek prevailed (from Exodus 17:9-11). According to *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, Moses' act was likely an act of prayer. It expressed dependence on God and determined the outcome of the battle. Israel did not conquer by the sword, but by the power of God from on high, obtained through prayer.

Those who pray to *Jehovah-nissi* . . .

Understand that godly leaders pray. *When [Moses] held up his hand, Israel prevailed* (Exodus 17:11).

Demonstrate dependence. *Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always* (1 Chronicles 16:11).

Help the weak and weary to pray. *When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up so that his hands remained steady until sunset* (from Exodus 17:12).

Strengthen others. *Say to those with anxious heart, 'Be strong, fear not'* (Isaiah 35:3-4).

Maintain unity with other believers. *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood* (Ephesians 6:12).

Acknowledge that victory comes from LORD. *Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere* (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Exalt God. *We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God* (Psalm 20:5).