

## September 27

**2 Chronicles 20:12 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup> Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

The United States enters into a military arrangement with Australia, ignoring France. France retaliates by removing her ambassadors from Australia and the United States. Gabrielle Union, who played a cheerleader in a popular movie, wrote a letter to her character, apologizing for the way she played the character. She wrote, “I failed you and myself.” Why? She chose to portray the character with “respectability, and to be classy and take the high road.” A potential mask mandate has friends, family, and strangers in violent disagreements. In some states, you are no longer breaking the law if you steal under a certain amount. Many of our schools have become places of indoctrination instead of places of learning. The use of profanity from our President, elected officials, teachers, and entertainment figures grows each day.

As I read this passage from Chronicles, I thought of our present situation. When I begin to pray, I feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem facing us. I have no idea what needs to be done. As long as we keep our eyes on the problems, our prayers will be stifled, and our resolve will melt away because what is happening around us is beyond our understanding and ability to correct. Therefore, we keep our eyes of the Lord because greater is He that the one who is in the world. The Lord sees the end from the beginning. Jesus has been given all authority and power. He understands every heart and sees through the darkness and deceptions. As we pray to Him, as we lift all our concerns to Him, and as we place our trust in Him, our peace returns. Hope rises. Faith is strengthened. Resolve grows. We do not know what needs to be done, but we know the One Who does. Therein lies our peace and reason to begin each day with praise on our lips.