

# Psalm 144:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.

## Analysis

**That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets.** Prayer for work capability and civic peace—no invasions, deportations, or distress. Comprehensive shalom encompasses security, justice, prosperity.

## Historical Context

Towns faced constant threats: raids, invasions, strife. "Outcry" meant violence, injustice, mourning. David prays for comprehensive peace.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How does this shape intercession for your community?
2. What are modern equivalents of "no breaking in, nor complaining"?
3. How does shalom differ from mere absence of conflict?

## Interlinear Text

## Additional Cross-References

**Deuteronomy 28:7** (Parallel theme): The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

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