

The Netherlands used to have a good relationship with Hungary. And that came out on the Mediterranean Sea, for example. I'm talking about Feb. 11, 1676. Michiel de Ruyter sailed there on the Mediterranean and ended up near Naples. He was already old. It was his last voyage. 69 years old. He didn't know he would die in 7 weeks. His last mission, without knowing it. He sailed to Naples, which was under the control of a Spanish viceroy. Marquis de Los Velos. And he helped that Spanish viceroy keep the French away from there, who wanted to attack them. And De Velos, he came there with a large retinue and very neatly dressed on Michiel de Ruyter's ship and he said: How wonderful that you protect me like this. Michiel de Ruyter who immediately waved away the thanks. He said: because I have 1 request. Because his ship's preacher, in the past they have one, Westhovius, he had received a petition from Hungarian preachers, 40 of them, 26 were left. They were 9 months back, because they either had to renounce the faith or go to Naples as galley slaves. Those had been taken to Naples for 9 months. Walked 1500 km there, with the whip. And with the galley slaves they sat there, Reformed ministers, venerable gentlemen. And Michiel de Ruyter said: I do not need your thanks, I want those preachers, 26 of them. No, said de Velos, of course I'm not in charge of that, the king in Spain is in charge of that. And then Michiel de Ruyter looked at him so repulsively. I read that by Vilat Koski Sergo, one of those preachers, nearly your name. He looked so disgusted, I won't demonstrate it, but you can imagine it, that that marquis immediately after that said: Well, go ahead, you can have them, but don't drop them off in my country, but take them with you. Well, so that's what happened. And that vicar jumped into his sloop and he picked up those Hungarians and they came back to him on his boat and on their knees they thanked Michiel de Ruyter. Michiel de Ruyter who said: thank your God, I have not done more than I owe. And that is also what we do in our work. I conclude. A golden cross of merit, it's really something. A golden cross. I was thinking, who actually deserves that. There is always One more who deserves that, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who earned it for us. Golden Cross of merit and we as followers carry that cross with us. That cross goes with me on the plane this afternoon, to New York and the United Nations. I will wear it with pride. I will carry it Wednesday to Congress in America in Washington where we have appointments with parliamentarians. I will wear it to Miami, where I will then go for a consultation and a conference with Ron DeSantis, the governor of Florida and others, perhaps the future president of America. But I will say: if good family politics is sought there, at Hungary is the hive. That's where you have to be. So: we stand with Hungary. Finally, an encouragement: we also have to take concrete steps in this. Think of the business visit, which we still have in the pen and which we will certainly work on, also with you. Then, council. Christian Council International. Christian Advice, it's actually called. International. We are ready to assist diplomats on every stage internationally, but also in the Netherlands, what we have. And then finally, prayer is the most powerful weapon. Sunday in church, you always have to pay attention when you are in church, then we sang words that have stuck. I think that Jan, Ton, Wim remember that, Evert Jan. We sang Psalm 9: And before all peoples ears, let his deeds be heard with psalmody. I will say it again: And let the deeds be heard before the ears of all the peoples with psalmody.

I don't know, with Pete Hoekstra I used to do it sometimes, then we would sing a verse at the end. Is it possible for us to sing a psalm verse together? Yes, of course. Well then I take the booklet, I got it from my grandfather and I used to give it to the ambassador, to Pete Hoekstra, our mutual friend. And then we sing psalm 60 verse 7. I wanted to sing psalm 3 verse 2 first, maybe you can look that up on your cell phone. But faithful God Thou art, that's an encouraging psalm for me. But psalm 60:7, as I was walking down the stairs this morning, then I thought, this must be it, psalm 60 verse 7. That is, Give Thou us help in adversities, when you seek counsel: with Thee is counsel, with Thee alone. It is fruitless what one labors with, for man's salvation is vanity. We will perform valiant heroic deeds, in God, however it may go, He who is worshiped of us, will trample our opposite party. Psalm 60 verse 7 (Song).