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Prayers for Ezra

Prayers inspired by the book of Ezra

Chapter 1:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the example of King Cyrus who, in accordance with Your will, released the exiled Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. We ask that You continue to raise up leaders who will honor You and act in accordance with Your plans for Your people.

Chapter 2:

Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness to Your people, as evidenced by the detailed record of those who returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. Help us to trust in Your provision and guidance as we seek to fulfill Your purposes for our lives.

Chapter 3:

God, we praise You for the rebuilding of the temple and the dedication of its foundation. We ask that You empower us to persevere in the work You have given us, even in the face of opposition and challenges.

Chapter 4:

Lord, we lift up to You the challenges faced by Your people as they sought to rebuild the temple. We ask that You give us wisdom and discernment as we navigate difficult circumstances, and that You strengthen our faith to trust in Your goodness and sovereignty.

Chapter 5:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, who encouraged Your people to resume the rebuilding of the temple after a period of discouragement. Help us to heed Your voice through Your Word and Your messengers, and to faithfully carry out the work You have given us.

Chapter 6:

God, we praise You for the completion of the temple and the celebration of the Passover. We ask that You enable us to honor You with our own lives, both in the completion of the tasks You have given us and in the celebration of the victories You have won for us.

Chapter 7:

Lord, we thank You for the example of Ezra, who devoted himself to studying and teaching Your Word. We ask that You give us a hunger for Your Word, and that You guide us as we seek to apply it to our lives and share it with others.

Chapter 8:

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You the journey of Ezra and his companions as they returned to Jerusalem with the treasures for the temple. We ask that You protect us and provide for us as we step out in faith to follow Your leading.

Chapter 9:

God, we confess our sins and the sins of our ancestors, as Ezra did before You. We acknowledge that we have fallen short of Your perfect standard, and we ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing. Help us to walk in humility and repentance, and to seek Your will above our own.

Chapter 10:

Lord, we thank You for Your mercy and grace, which led Your people to confess their sin and seek to make things right. We ask that You give us the courage to confront sin in our own lives and in the world around us, and that You lead us to restoration and healing through Your power and love. Amen.