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Prayers for Nehemiah

Chapter 1:

Dear God, like Nehemiah, we come before you with a heavy heart for the brokenness we see in our world. We confess our sins and the sins of our ancestors, and we ask for your forgiveness and mercy. We thank you for your faithfulness and your promise to hear our prayers. Please give us the strength, wisdom, and resources to rebuild what is broken and restore what is lost, for your glory and our good. Amen.

Chapter 2:

Lord, we thank you for Nehemiah's courage, wisdom, and favor in the eyes of the king. We pray that you would grant us similar qualities to fulfill the purpose and plan you have for us. We ask for your guidance and protection as we face obstacles and opposition along the way. Help us to trust in your promises and provision, and to rely on your power and grace. May your name be praised and your kingdom come. Amen.

Chapter 3:

Heavenly Father, we are amazed by the unity, diversity, and diligence of the people who worked on the wall of Jerusalem under Nehemiah's leadership. We recognize that each person had a unique role and contribution to make, and that together they accomplished a great feat. We pray that we would learn from their example and apply it to our own community, church, and family. May we be willing to work together, to encourage one another, and to celebrate each other's accomplishments. Thank you for the body of Christ and the gifts you have given us. Amen.

Chapter 4:

Dear God, we acknowledge the reality of opposition and intimidation that Nehemiah and his people faced as they worked on the wall. We also acknowledge that we too face spiritual battles and attacks from the enemy who seeks to discourage, distract, and destroy us. We ask for your protection, provision, and perseverance in the midst of such trials. Help us to put on the armor of God, to pray without ceasing, and to trust in your

victory over evil. May your kingdom come and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Chapter 5:

Lord, we recognize the injustice, exploitation, and oppression that Nehemiah discovered among his own people. We confess that we too have been guilty of such sins, knowingly or unknowingly. We ask for your forgiveness and healing, for those who have been hurt and for those who have caused the hurt. We pray that we would seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. May we use our resources and influence to bless others, rather than to exploit them. Thank you for your grace and your example of sacrificial love. Amen.

Chapter 6:

Heavenly Father, we are inspired by Nehemiah's discernment, courage, and faith in the face of deception and temptation. We pray that we too would be discerning and wise, not only in recognizing the schemes of the devil but also in discerning your will and voice. We ask for your protection from false prophets and false teachers, who may try to lead us astray. We also pray that we would have the courage to stand firm in our convictions and to trust in your sovereignty, no matter what. Thank you for your truth and your Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth. Amen.

Chapter 7:

Dear God, we see in Nehemiah's concern for the census and the genealogy of his people a reminder of the importance of our identity and our heritage. We recognize that we are not just individuals but also part of a larger community, a family, and a story. We pray that we would cherish our identity as your children, our heritage as your people, and our diversity as a reflection of your creativity and love. We ask for your grace to embrace and celebrate our differences, rather than to use them as a source of division or discrimination. May we also be mindful of our responsibility to pass on our faith and values to the next generation, and to share the good news of your salvation with those who have not yet heard. Thank you for calling us to be part of your family and your kingdom. Amen.

Chapter 8:

Lord, we are moved by the scene of the people gathering together to hear the reading and interpretation of the Law. We recognize the power and relevance of your Word in our lives, and the need for us to hear it, understand it, and apply it. We pray that we would have a hunger and thirst for your Word, and a willingness to obey it, even when it challenges or convicts us. We ask for your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds, soften our hearts, and transform our lives through the Word. May we also have a heart of compassion and generosity, as we share what we have with those who are in need. Thank you for your Word, your Spirit, and your love. Amen.

Chapter 9:

Heavenly Father, we are humbled by the prayer of confession and thanksgiving that Nehemiah and the people offered to you. We recognize that we too are sinners in need of

your mercy and grace, and that you have been faithful and compassionate towards us, even when we have rebelled against you. We pray that we would have a heart of repentance and humility, and a spirit of gratitude and worship. May we remember your mighty acts of salvation throughout history, and the ultimate act of love and sacrifice through your Son, Jesus Christ. May we also be inspired by the examples of faith and obedience of the saints who have gone before us. Thank you for your love, your mercy, and your faithfulness. Amen.

Chapter 10:

Dear God, we see in the covenant that Nehemiah and the people made with you a commitment to follow your commands and to honor your name. We recognize that we too have made a covenant with you through our faith in Jesus Christ, and that we have a responsibility to live up to that covenant. We pray that we would have the strength and wisdom to keep our promises, and to fulfill the purposes and plans you have for us. May we also be faithful stewards of the resources and opportunities you have entrusted to us, and may we use them to advance your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Thank you for the privilege of being your ambassadors and your servants. Amen.

Chapter 11:

Lord, we see in the selection and dedication of the people who lived in Jerusalem a reminder of the importance of being part of a community and a mission. We recognize that we are not called to live in isolation or indifference, but to be connected and committed to others who share our faith and vision. We pray that we would be willing to sacrifice our comfort and convenience for the sake of serving you and serving others. May we also be mindful of the diversity and the needs of our community, and seek to minister to them in a spirit of humility and compassion. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your body and your mission. Amen.

Chapter 12:

Heavenly Father, we are inspired by the celebration and dedication of the wall and the city of Jerusalem. We recognize that we too have a reason to celebrate and dedicate our lives to you, as a living sacrifice and a holy temple. We pray that we would have a heart of joy and gratitude, as we reflect on your goodness and your faithfulness. May we also have a heart of worship and devotion, as we offer ourselves and our praises to you. May your name be exalted and your kingdom be advanced through our lives and our witness. Thank you for the privilege of being your children and your servants. Amen.

Chapter 13:

Dear God, we see in the reforms and the challenges that Nehemiah faced a reminder of the ongoing struggle to maintain our commitment and obedience to you. We recognize that we are prone to wander and to compromise, and that we need your grace and your guidance to stay on course. We pray that we would have a heart of discernment and courage, to recognize and confront the sins and the temptations that threaten to undermine our faith and witness. May we also have a heart of compassion and justice, as we seek to protect and care for those who are vulnerable and oppressed. Thank you for your protection and your provision, and for your unfailing love that never fails. Amen.