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Prayers for Zephaniah

Chapter 1:

Dear God, we come to you today with heavy hearts, knowing that we have sinned against you in countless ways. We have turned away from your commands and have worshiped false gods. We have ignored the cries of the poor and the oppressed, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We acknowledge that we deserve your wrath and punishment, but we also know that you are a God of mercy and grace. Help us to turn away from our sinful ways and to seek your forgiveness. Help us to humble ourselves before you and to trust in your love and mercy. We pray for your mercy to be poured out upon us, that we may be spared from the judgment that is coming upon the whole earth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Chapter 2:

Dear Lord, we read in this chapter of your judgment upon the nations that have rebelled against you. We see the devastation that comes upon those who turn away from you and follow after their own desires. We pray for those who have not yet turned to you, that they may hear your voice calling them to repentance and salvation. We pray that you would give us boldness and compassion to share the good news of your love and salvation with those who do not know you. We also pray for your protection and guidance as we face the challenges and trials of this life. Help us to trust in your goodness and faithfulness, even in the midst of suffering and persecution. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Chapter 3:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the promise of salvation that is found in this chapter. We see the beautiful picture of your love and mercy, as you gather together a remnant of your people and restore them to your presence. We are reminded that it is not by our own works or righteousness that we are saved, but by your grace alone. Help us to remember this truth and to live in the light of your love and forgiveness. We pray for your Holy Spirit to fill us with your wisdom and understanding, that we may live in a way that honors you and brings glory to your name. We also pray for the peace and

prosperity of our cities and nations, that we may be a light to the world and a testimony to your goodness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.