



THREE GREAT PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE

ORIENTATION TO THE PERSON AND WORK OF GOD REQUEST

JEHOSHAPHAT

2 Chronicles 20:1–12

Immediate Problem
20:1–2

Jehoshaphat and Judah
Seek Help from God
20:3–4

PRAYER

Focus on God's Sovereignty
20:6

Focus on God's Omnipotence
20:6

Jehoshaphat Cites a Similar
Event in Israel's History
20:7–8

Jehoshaphat Reminds God
of a Promise that Applies
to the Present Situation
20:9 (=2 Chr. 6:28–30)

Jehoshaphat Cites
the Immediate Problem
20:10–11

Jehoshaphat Asks God
for Help
20:12

NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah 1:4–11

Immediate Problem
1:2–3

Nehemiah Seeks Help
from God
1:4

PRAYER

Focus on God's Greatness
1:5

Focus on God's Faithfulness
1:5

Nehemiah Confesses
Israel's Sins
1:6–7

Nehemiah Reminds God
of a Promise that Applies
to the Present Situation
1:8–9

Nehemiah Cites a Similar Event
in Israel's History and Focuses
on God's Omnipotence
1:10

Nehemiah Asks God
for Help
1:11

DANIEL

Daniel 9:2–19

Immediate Problem
9:2

Daniel Seeks Help
from God
9:3

PRAYER

Focus on God's Greatness
9:4

Focus on God's Faithfulness
9:4

Daniel Confesses
Israel's Sins
9:5–14

(God's Promise to Regather Israel
in Jeremiah 25:11 and 29:10
Underlies Daniel's Prayer.
Compare Daniel 9:2)

Daniel Cites a Similar Event
in Israel's History and Focuses
on God's Omnipotence
9:15

Daniel Focuses on God's
Righteousness and Asks
God for Help
9:16–19