

The Prayers of Mordecai and Esther

Additions to Esther 13:8 – 14:19

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Mordecai prayed:

O Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, Ruler of all,

You know everything. You know when I refused to bow to that arrogant Haman, I did so not because of pride or insolence. The fact is I would kiss the soles of his feet if it would save my people. But you are my God; I won't bow to anyone but you.

O Lord, you released us from slavery in Egypt, and we have been your people ever since. Don't abandon us now. Save us from our enemies. They want to exterminate us!

Meanwhile Queen Esther also prayed:

Lord, my family raised me to honor you and taught me the history of my people. You have always kept your promises to us. But we turned away from you, worshiping other gods. The exile we now endure is the natural consequence of our offences.

But our enemies are not satisfied. They will settle for nothing less than our complete annihilation. Don't let them do it! What good would your promises be then? Our worship and praise would be lost to you forever.

Lord, I never asked to be queen. I would rather be married to a man who was one of your people. I am your servant. I have always tried to live as you would wish.

My hope has left me. But you, O Lord, have power over everything. Help me not to be afraid. And save your people from those who would do us harm.