

GOD SPEAKS

READ DEUTERONOMY 7:6-8 & EXODUS 3:4

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The daily trial for Moses was to deal with a whole nation of people with spiritual amnesia. They forgot they were a chosen people and treasured possession of the LORD. How do we remember this in the hustle and busyness of our own lives?

The outline for our story gets mapped out when we list God's observable actions. The LORD declares and makes holy. The LORD chooses. The LORD loves. The LORD keeps His oath. The LORD brought them out of Egypt. The LORD redeemed and rescued. The LORD keeps His covenant and shows steadfast love. Clarity begins as we see the One who is the main character of our story. God does the heavy lifting. We respond to what God has done as the ONE who has first loved and kept us. Chapters of the story are filled as we live as the sent and holy people He has already made us to be in the world. That happens in our baptisms, as the LORD puts His name, I AM, on us. This is our "super-power" as we pull out of the driveway each morning. By God's grace, we arise every morning full of overflowing redemption through Jesus' gift of life here in time and in eternity. It arrives with nothing we earned, bought, or ordered by our own doing. We are simply sent into the world to tell the story of this free gift.

We step into the plot by remembering that God goes before us and with us. We may not know exactly how our own story ends, but we trust daily that the life story told by walking as the chosen Child of God will bless others into countless generations.

LORD, I get frozen in a story that seems to stop and doesn't look like it is moving. I see my lack of abilities and cling to that as my excuse to opt out of a storytelling lifestyle. Help me to remember and not forget that every step is with You, the God that goes with me. Help me to step into the story of my life that You are writing. Help me to understand that my story as a redeemed and chosen Child of God is worthy of retelling to a thousand generations. Amen.

Exodus
3:4

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

CALL TO PRAYER

Luke 10:2

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

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February MISSIONS PRAYER GUIDE



**EQUIP, EMPOWER, ENGAGE,
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS.**



1 We begin this new month confessing our failure to recognize that God has positioned us daily so that He can make His Gospel appeal through us. Open our eyes to see and take advantage of the opportunities we have to be His ambassadors!

2 We give thanks today for fellow church members and disciples who want to grow as disciples – following Jesus, learning from Jesus, living and loving like Jesus, and being sent to make more disciples.

3 Forgive us for half-hearted efforts in our prayer life, God. Forgive us for our slow response to Your Word. Forgive us for our failure to respond to Your Holy Spirit's promptings.

4 Give thanks to the Lord for the privilege and joy of being chosen by God to share His blessings through our relationships.

5 Give thanks for our Florida-Georgia Prayer Partners and Intercessors; we pray that the number of praying partners and 10:02 pray-ers continues to grow this year!

6 We pray against every spiritual stronghold and idol in our communities; Holy Spirit, give us discernment to recognize them and boldness to stand against them. Pray that the enemy will not distract, confuse, or turn us away from God's mission.

7 Forgive us for our lack of awareness of those around us who need to hear Jesus' message of Good News, of not noticing those on the margins who need the welcome of our Savior.

8 Forgive us for not living every day in the awareness of our anointing and sending as the Baptized; Jesus, use us today as ambassadors of Your Good News!

9 Pray that every congregation will see themselves as participants in planting the Church—making new disciples, starting new ministries, planting new micro-churches and multi-sites, starting new congregations, or leaving a mission legacy.

10 Pray that we will not give in to lukewarmness in the living of our faith and witness. Pray for strength against Satan's temptations, which try to pull us away from time with the Lord in prayer and His Word.

11 Pray against every attack on youth workers, pastors, church leaders, and their families; pray for them to have adequate exercise, sleep, and healthy eating and to spend precious time daily with Jesus.

12 Thank you, Lord, for saving us and sending us to carry out Your mission where we live, work and play. Open our eyes to every opportunity for witness and service.

13 God, use me as a worker in Your harvest fields. Give me the opportunity to build a caring relationship with (insert name of your friend, family member, or co-worker). Help me become a Christ-like servant they can identify with so that by all possible means, they will be saved.

14 Pray for God to use each of us as good stewards and provide everything needed for those on the front lines of mission work.

15 Pray that every believer will feel a burden for the lost and will pray for open doors, open hearts, and boldness in witness and service. Pray for God's blessing on the work of our Area Mission Facilitators, Scott Gress, Mike Mast, and Victor Belton.

16 **President's Day** – We thank You, God, for past and present leaders for our Nation, Presidents who have acknowledged You as Lord of lords, King of kings, and who have looked to You, God, for wisdom. Bless President Trump and his team with the desire to be Your servants and to make godly decisions for the common good.

17 Lord God, keep me from doing anything today that goes against Your will; do not let me shrink from any sacrifice that Your will demands. Suggest, direct, and guide every thought and action so that it may glorify You and bless my neighbor.

18 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! (Psalm 51:1-2)

19 O Lord, during this season of Lent, increase my awareness of my sins and also increase my awareness of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

20 Ask the Lord to use your mouth and hands to bless others in His name, and that others will be ready to receive our loving witness.

21 God be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

22 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

23 Give thanks for opportunities to worship together with other Christians and for the joy of seeing others come to know Jesus as their Savior, forgiven, loved, restored, and precious in His sight.

24 Pray that your neighbors will experience the joy and peace that are found in Jesus alone and that you might have the privilege and opportunity to share these gifts with them

25 For the daily opportunities our Lutheran school teachers and staff have to share the Story of God's love and forgiveness inside and outside their classrooms, and they would effectively disciple children as those who are called and sent by God to share the Good News of Jesus with families and friends.

26 Pray that each believer will know the Father's heart in such an intimate and beautiful way that they will be moved to share God's great love with others in their lives.

27 Pray that God's people will be blessed with perseverance, especially when facing challenges to their faith. Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel and assurance of God's strong presence.

28 Pray that God will use our Campus Ministries to raise new leaders who will be deployed in His Kingdom. Especially pray for University Lutheran (Pr. Jay Winters, FSU), Christus Victor (Pr. Greg Michael, UGA), and Thrive Estero (Pr. John Roth, FGCU).