



# EZRA

STRONGER TOGETHER



**CONGREGATIONAL  
READING SERVICE**



OPENING  
PRAYER  
AND REMARKS



Read Ezra 1:1-4



**Congregational Response:**

“Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!  
His plans for us are good.”

The background of the image is a close-up of marbled paper, featuring intricate, wavy patterns in shades of brown, tan, and black. The text is centered over this pattern.

Read Ezra 1:5-11



**Congregational Response:**  
“God provides for all our needs.  
We trust in His promises.”



Read Ezra 3:1-6





# Congregational Response:

“We worship together in unity.  
God's presence is among us.”



Read Ezra 3:7-13



**Congregational Response:**

“For He is good, for His steadfast  
love endures forever”



Read Ezra 4:1-6



**Congregational Response:**

“May the Lord protect His people.  
God is our refuge and our strength.”

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper with a complex, organic pattern. The colors are primarily dark browns, blacks, and greys, with some lighter, almost white, veins and swirls. The pattern resembles natural stone or wood grain, with flowing, curved lines that create a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is somewhat dramatic, with darker areas in the shadows and lighter highlights where the pattern curves upwards or outwards.

Read Ezra 5:1-2



**Congregational Response:**

“Just as the prophets spoke truth,  
we stand firm in God's Word.”



Read Ezra 5:3-5





Read Ezra 6:1-12



**Congregational Response:**  
“May God's will be done  
in our church and community.”



Read Ezra 6:13-22



# Congregational Response:

“We celebrate the Lord's goodness.  
He fills our hearts with joy.”

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper with a complex, organic pattern. The colors are primarily dark browns, blacks, and greys, with streaks and swirls of lighter, reddish-brown and tan. The overall effect is reminiscent of natural stone or aged parchment.

Read Ezra 7:1-10



**Congregational Response:**

“God's Word guides us.

May we follow His direction.”



Read Ezra 7:11-13



**Congregational Response:**

“We are grateful for God's favor.  
His grace is upon us.”





Read Ezra 7:25-28



**Congregational Response:**  
“Blessed be the Lord.  
His love sustains us.”



Read Ezra 9:1-5

An aerial photograph of a river valley with terraced hillsides. The hillsides are covered in dense vegetation, showing a mix of green and brown tones. The river flows through the center of the valley, and the overall scene is captured in a high-angle, wide shot.

**Congregational Response:**  
“We repent and believe in Christ.  
Your grace is sufficient.”



Read Ezra 9:6-15



**Congregational Response:**  
“Through belief in Christ,  
You forgive us.  
May we be restored  
into Your presence.”

The background of the image is a classic marbled paper pattern, often used in book covers or endpapers. It features intricate, wavy, and layered bands of color, including shades of dark brown, light tan, and deep charcoal, creating a rich, textured appearance. The text is centered horizontally and vertically over this background.

Read Ezra 10:1-6



**Congregational Response:**  
“When we fall short or sin,  
may we turn back to the Lord.”



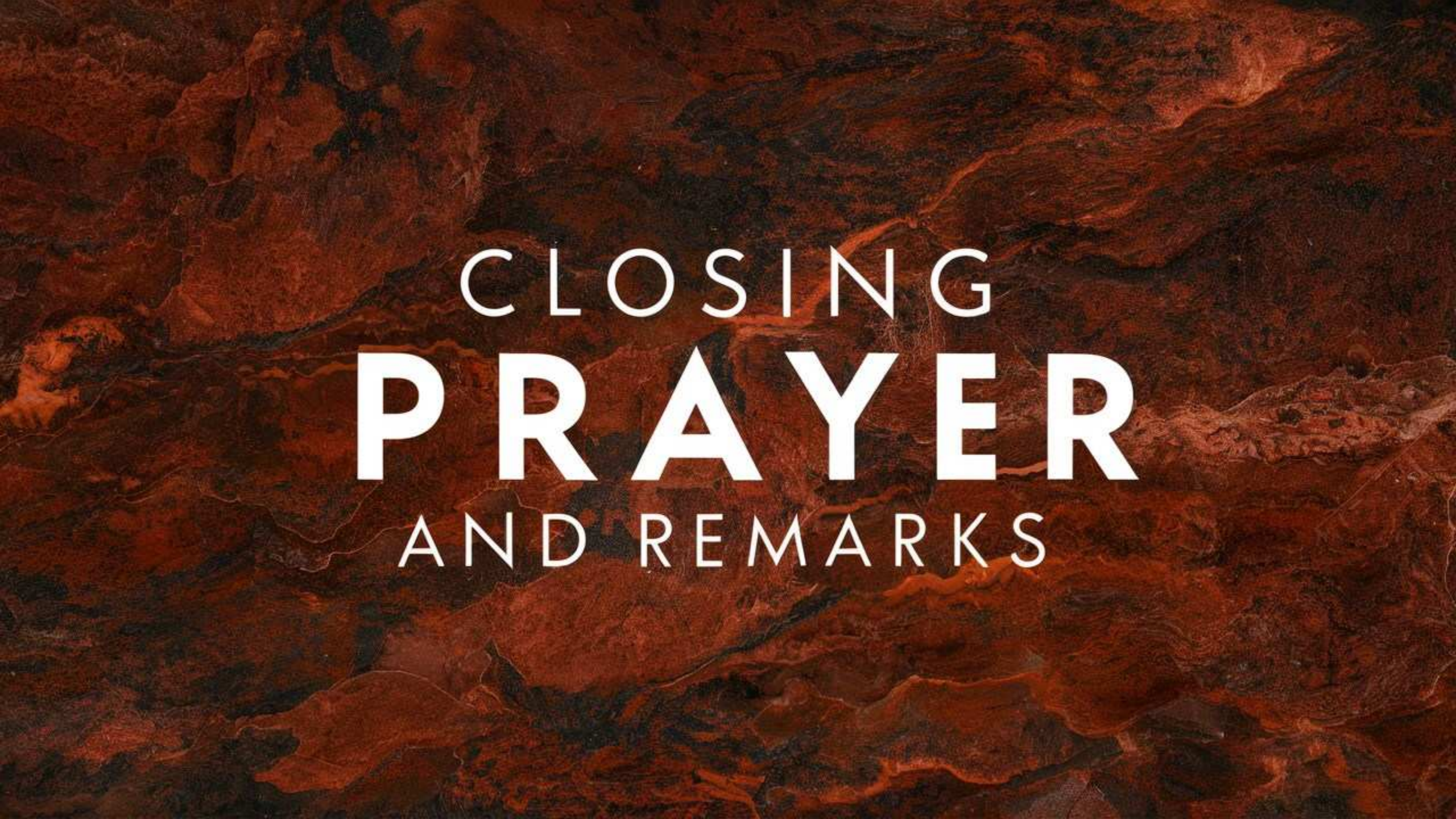


Read Ezra 10:7-17



**Congregational Response:**

“We seek to do Your will, O Lord.  
Guide us in Your ways.”



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