

Baruch

Chapters 1, 2

The message of Baruch, written in Babylon for the exiles living there, and sent to Jerusalem for the people still there:

Let us pray that our genuine service for the king of Babylon will win his favor and protection.

To us belongs a look of shame,
because we have not listened
to the message of the Lord our God.

Lord, please listen to our prayer.
Rescue us from exile and humiliation.

Dear God, please help all exiles return to their homeland

Chapters 3, 4

Listen, Israel, to commands that bring life and peace.
Remember all that God has taught us.

As by your will you strayed away from God,
so now turn back and search for him ten times as hard.

Lord, please help us not to forget you

Chapter 6

Because of your sins, you will be exiles in Babylon for 7 generations.

In Babylon when you see all sorts of idols being worshipped by the local people, say in your hearts: "Master, it is you we must worship."

Lord, when we are in places where people are worshipping idols, please help us remember to pray in our hearts: "Master, it is you we worship"