

Engaging the Past — Prayer Litany



PREPARE | GATHER | **ENGAGING THE PAST** | NAMING THE PRESENT | DISCERNING THE FUTURE | NEXT STEPS

We remember . . .

As God did when he created a record of the miraculous story of Creation . . .¹

As God did when he confronted Adam and Eve in the garden . . .²

As God did when he lamented the creation of human beings on the earth . . .³

As God did when, at the beginning of the Ten Commandments, he reminded Israel of his role in her birth . . .⁴

We engage the past . . .

As God did, through Samuel, when he spoke to King Saul of what Amalek had done to Israel . . .⁵

As God did, through Nathan, when he confronted King David . . .⁶

As God did when he called Israel to remember her salvation, as an act of worship . . .⁷

We engage the past . . .

As God did when he spoke often, through the prophets, about his acts of faithfulness to Israel . . .

As God did when he spoke often, through the prophets, about Israel's lack of faithfulness to him . . .

As God did when he reminded Israel often of promises he had made . . .

We engage the past . . .

As God did when he provided a record of Jesus' genealogy . . .⁸

As God did when Jesus described his mission as a fulfillment of prophecy . . .⁹

As God did when Jesus walked with the disciples from Emmaus . . .¹⁰

We engage the past.

We do so in faith, trusting the God who is, who was, and who is to come.¹¹

We do so with one another, as members of one body.¹²

We engage the past as followers of the One who is the Beginning and the End.

We are led into gratitude, into lament, into celebration.

We are led to God.

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¹ Genesis 1:1-2:25

² Genesis 3:8-11

³ Genesis 6:6

⁴ Exodus 20:2

⁵ 1 Samuel 15:2

⁶ 2 Samuel 12:1-10

⁷ Psalm 105

⁸ Matthew 1:1-7; Luke 3:23-28

⁹ Luke 4:17-19

¹⁰ Luke 24:25-27

¹¹ Revelation 1:4

¹² 1 Corinthians 12:12-30