

Litanies and Reflections based on Bible Themes

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Exodus (1999) – Moses Stories - Prayer of Confession
and Invitation to Pardon

The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner.
The power of fear and hate rage surround us.

In the face of evil

Forgive us our complacency.

The burning bush flickers beside us.
The presence of God invites us.

In the presence of the holy

Forgive us our lack of notice.

The Red Sea waters stand at attention.
The threshold of grace is breath-taking.

In the company of grace

Forgive us our reticence to embrace.

Hungry bellies and grumbling souls
are not the final word.
Manna and quail and water
fill the bellies and calm the souls.
The gifts of God reign
o'er the people of God.
Come for all things are ready.

Exodus 14 (1999) – Crossing the Sea

The sea of apathy surrounds
enticing us with self promotion
luring us with greed.
The sea of apathy surrounds
bloated with decay
the remains of injustice and idolatry.
The sea of apathy surrounds.

Our task this day
is to cross the sea.
Our task today
is to say "no" to the stench.
Our task if we chose it
is to say "yes" to life and faith.
"Yes". Yes.
Let us cross the sea together.

Exodus 16 (1999)

The promise land
just around the corner
dripping with milk and honey.

The promise land
sacrificing security
embracing the dream.

The promised land
milk and honey vaporize
as the dream comes alive.

The promised land
where faith meets hunger
and ideology gets personal.

The promised land
beckons
and taunts.

The promised land
just around the corner.

Exodus 20 and Matthew 22- Ten Commandments
(2002)

Love the Lord your God with all of your heart,
your mind and your soul.

**We will love God with an intensity
such that no substitute will suffice,
the very mention of God's name will be
precious
as we cleave to our time of communion with
the sacred.**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

**We will respect the wisdom of our elders.
We will protect the lives and the reputations
of those around us.
We will cherish the relationships entrusted
to us.
We will not take what is not ours.
We will learn the value of enough.**

Love the Lord your God.
Amen.

Leviticus 2:13 - see Genesis 19:24-26 (2002) – Called
to be Salt

Joshua 24

Creating God, guide us to put first things first
in our lives.

**As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.**

Christ our Lord, enable us to follow your
example.

**As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.**

Spirit Alive, shine your light that our choices
may be a reflection.

**As for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.**

Judges 9:45 - see Genesis 19:24-26 (2002) – Called to
be Salt