

# Prayer of Action

<sup>10</sup> "They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. <sup>11</sup> "O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man." Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 1:10-11 (NASB)

## Observation

Sometimes in life we don't know what to do, and that feeling is paralyzing. But there are times that we know what to do, and we just need to get started. Notice in this passage that Nehemiah never prays, "Should I do something?" He simply prays that God would give him success and mercy. This is what a prayer of action looks like.

We don't need to pray about some things, because God has already spoken to us about it. We don't need to pray about winning the lost, being generous, or moving in faith. These things God has already asked us to have a burden for. We need to take Nehemiah's example and pray for success and mercy as we move forward. As a church, we don't need to pray about moving forward and stretching in faith. God has given us a mission and challenged us to move out in faith and follow Him. What we need to pray about what our role is and ask God to give us success. Nehemiah did, and we should follow his example by offering up a prayer of action today.

## **Application**

Have you ever prayed about doing something you know you should just do? What is holding you back? Is it fear, doubt or insecurity? Take time today to identify what is holding you back from moving forward. Lay aside your doubt and fear, and ask God to give you success as you step out in faith. He is with you!