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**Elizabeth Fry
(1780-1845)**

Elizabeth Fry was Quaker who began a pioneering campaign for better conditions in prisons during the Victorian Period.

When Elizabeth was 18, she was influenced by the humanitarian message of William Savery, an American Quaker who spoke of the importance of tackling poverty and injustice. She became inspired to be involved in helping local charities and at a local Sunday School, which taught children to read. When she was 20, she married Joseph Fry, who was also a Quaker. They moved to London and lived in the City of London.

They had eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

She was a middle-class Quaker who sought to highlight the squalid and unsanitary conditions in British prisons and to help improve conditions and reform prisoners. Around 1812, she made her first visit to Newgate prison, which housed both men and women prisoners, some of who were awaiting trial. Fry was shocked at the squalid and unsanitary conditions she found the prisoners in. The prisons were overcrowded and dirty. She sought out the support of prominent members of society, such as Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale, to help with her vision. She played an important role in legislation which improved conditions in prisons.

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**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
(600 B.C.)**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were men who were taken captive by King Nebuchadnezzar when Jerusalem was invaded and destroyed by the Babylonian Army. In the book of Daniel, the three men are taken to the palace of the king where they were to be indoctrinated into the Babylonian culture. They were to be taught the language and be educated in the lore of magic and fortunetelling. They gained favor with the king and were promoted to high positions in the government. But all the while they remained obedient in their walk with the Lord. When the king decided to erect a statue to honor himself and have all of his kingdom bow down before him and worship the statue, the 3 defied that order and enraged the king by their refusal to bow down. As a result of this the king ordered them to be thrown into a fiery furnace.