



CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

But ye are come unto mount Sion... And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant (Hebrews 12.22, 24)

SCRIPTURE ALONE—GRACE ALONE—FAITH ALONE—BY CHRIST ALONE—TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY! REFORMED, ALWAYS REFORMING

Opening Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 01/24/2024

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First Exhortation: Pastoral Integrity in Difficult Times: Jeremiah 15.1-21; 2 Timothy 3.1-4.8

Pray for the Pastors of the Churches, for faithfulness and diligence in difficult times.

1. Pray for those who are responsible to train, examine, and ordain pastors, that they would do so with wisdom, according to Scripture, that men of spiritual maturity and stature alone would be ordained to office, and called to service. (1 Tim. 3.6)
2. Pray that these pastors would labor before the Lord, that all preaching and teaching would be to please their Lord, and not necessarily their people, that the Lord would give them strength, diligence, and courage to stop their ears both to sycophants and froward, lifting up their labors as offerings to the Lord alone. (Jeremiah 26.1-6)
3. Pray for those ministers that have succumbed to the spirit of the age, that the Lord would grant correction, repentance, reformation, and new obedience, breathing new life by His Spirit into their labors, learning to submit to Christ in their work, to the edification of their hearers, and to the salvation of the lost. (Jeremiah 23.1-8)
4. Pray for encouragement for those faithful ministers who are maligned, about whom evil is spoken, and especially those who suffer for their faithfulness by the loss of position, suffering insults of their brethren and people, that the Lord would take up their defense, that these ministers would not rise in their own defense unnecessarily, committing themselves to the Lord in faithfulness, following His example, persevering in their labor, for His Kingdom's sake. (Isaiah 50.4-11)
5. Pray for mutual cooperation and encouragement among faithful pastors, for an end to strife and competitiveness, that the pastors of our reformed Churches would learn to work together more than apart, seeking commonality with compromise, praying for one another, encouraging one another to stay the course of duty. (Isaiah 52.7-12)
6. Pray for the people of God, that they would rightly value the ministry of the Word among themselves, especially in the context of public worship, that they would listen for the voice of Christ in the preaching of His Word, that they would submit themselves to His care by the pastors He has sent them, with joy and thankfulness. (Jeremiah 3.12-19)
7. Pray for the Pastors of the flock, that they would not take to themselves a lordly authority, but remember that they are servants of Christ, and will answer to Him for the way they have labored among His flock, that the Lord would give them His own heart toward the flock, that they may labor sacrificially. (2 Corinthians 12.14-16; 1 Peter 5.1-4)

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Second Exhortation: A Proper Communion of Saints in the Church: Ephesians 4.1-16; Hebrews 10.19-26

Pray for the people of God, that we would live together as brethren, uprightly in the Lord.

1. Pray for the Church, that "love thy neighbor as thyself" would be undertaken in a Biblical way, respecting place, station, property, and other 5th and 8th Commandment ways of thinking, that the ways of this world would not influence or modify that love we owe to one another in the Lord, as we unite together under His care. (Matthew 19.16-22)
2. Pray that the people of God would not envy one another, but rejoice in one another's advancement, and that we would sacrifice on behalf of our neighbor in the Church. (James 3.14-16)
3. Pray for tender-heartedness toward one another, being affected with the suffering one of another, that we would have hearts of compassion toward each other in the house of God, rejoicing and weeping with others. (Ephesians 4.30-32)
4. Pray that God's people would look upon the things of others with care and godly concern—that we would not isolate ourselves, but participate in the social interaction of the people of God for one another's good, not forsaking our assembling together, but making the best of our Spiritual advantages as members of one another. (Romans 12.9-18)
5. Pray that the people of God would not "hate one another in their hearts" by making use of the ordinance of godly correction and instruction, according to our places as superiors, inferiors, and equals, and pray for a godly and humble hearing one of another when we need correction. (Leviticus 19.17; Psalm 141.5)
6. Pray concerning the way the people of God use their words one toward another, that our speech would always be seasoned with grace, love, encouragement to that which is good, and mercy toward one another. (Colossians 4.6)
7. Pray that our love for each other in the house of God would lead to encouraging examples in attendance upon Church ordinances, in gracious words, in the ordering of our own households, as members one of another. (1 Thess 1.7)
8. Pray that as the people of God learn the Word of God together, that they may grow up together into Christ the head, and taking their instruction from him, would speak the truth in love one to another, that the Church might be edified by godly teaching, and godly speech among her membership. (Malachi 3.13-18; Ephesians 4.11-16)
9. Pray for the Church, that her offices might be ordered according to the Word of Christ as a means of loving Christ and His people—that unqualified or wicked officers would be rooted out, that those who seek office against the ordinance of Christ would cease, and that love for the people of God would motivate the officers of the Church to "lay hands on no man suddenly" and to lay hands on no woman at all. (1 Timothy 5.22; 2 Timothy 2.1-2)
10. Pray that the love we have for one another would be sacrificial, and redemptive, laying down our own lives. (1 John 4.10)

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Closing prayer