

CHRIST COVENANT REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

But ye are come unto mount Zion... 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, AND ALWAYS REFORMING

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 01/27/2021

Opening Prayer

Psalm: 66.12-20; Page 132

First Exhortation: The Public Piety of Christians: Daniel 6.1-28; 1 Peter 4.12-19

Pray that the people of God would with courage practice of their most holy faith publicly, and not be discouraged.

1. As Christianity comes more under the critical eye of our society, pray that Christians would continue to honor Christ in the following ways publicly, with grace and courage:
 - a. In praying before meals in public venues (Matthew 15.36)
 - b. In speaking openly about their faith in Christ when speaking to others in the world (Mark 5.19-20)
 - c. In regular Church attendance, in person, on the Lord's Day. (Luke 4.14-16; Hebrews 10.24-25)
 - d. Gathering together as Christians publicly for fellowship and encouragement. (Malachi 3.16-18)
 - e. Maintaining a good testimony and adornment of their profession of the Gospel in honesty, diligence, uprightness, generosity, sacrificial service, and in speaking the truth of Christ, and the claims of the King of kings in every venue of their lives. (Matthew 5.13-16; Isaiah 60.1-3)
 - f. Pray for a ready profession of faith in Christ, and allegiance to him and his Word at all times before the watching world (Matthew 10.26-33)
2. Pray that the Church would not lose her prophetic voice to the society, but would speak the truth of God's commandments to all, without fear, and with humility, meekness, and fear. (Matthew 14.1-5; 1 Peter 3.15)
3. Pray, in accord with Daniel's example, that the Church would not lose her commitment to regular, public worship, but that she would maintain her consistency even in the face of persecution. (Daniel 6.10—note, "as he did aforetime")
4. Pray that Christians would order their family lives contrary to the world's perversion of gender, sexuality, roles of husbands and wives, divorce, child-bearing and child-rearing, in obedience to the word of the Lord, and for his glory and witness before the world. (Leviticus 18.1-30; Malachi 2.1-17)
5. Pray that Christians would not bow to the scientism of the age, but would publicly proclaim the proper place of empirical investigation, that it would never be used to overturn the proper exegesis and morality of Scripture—that God's people would use Biblical wisdom, following the Lord, before the world. (2 Corinthians 4.8-18)

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2nd Exhortation: The Private practice of Piety of God's people: Matthew 6.6; Luke 6.12; Acts 10.9; Psalm 119.164

Pray that the people of God would be regular in private piety.

1. Pray that the Church would speak often to the need of God's people to obey the Lord by maintaining private (family) and secret (individual) worship in her public ministry and teaching, encouraging by means of expressing the great benefits of this regular observance, and correcting those who are lax or rebellious in their practice. (Matthew 6.5-8)
2. Pray that all several family groups in the Church, whether singles, or families with or without children, would be careful to maintain "the family altar" that is, worshipping the Lord in their homes, daily. (Deuteronomy 6.4-9)
3. Pray that all the people of God would maintain a regular calling upon the name of the Lord in their "closets" by reading Scripture and making some private use, self-examination and confession of sin, pleading the mercy of Christ for themselves and others, for the ministry of the Gospel, for the Church, the magistrate, for temporal and spiritual mercies for themselves and others, for holiness, godliness, and whatever else conduces to the glory of God as they live before the world. (James 5.16; Colossians 1.9)
4. Pray that God's people would not give their minds or eyes to vanity, but would maintain a consistent practice of meditation on the Word of the Lord. (Genesis 24.63; Joshua 1.8; Psalm 1.2)
5. Pray for courageous self-examination, growing objectivity, greater knowledge of God's commandments, deep and spiritual searching for the people of God, that they learn to put away evil from themselves, along with the assurance of the Lord's forgiveness and the basis for this searching. (1 John 1.8-10; Psalm 77.6;)
6. Pray that God's people would fill their minds with His Word, and proper catechetical materials, that their minds might be saturated with Scripture, that the Lord would be pleased to turn their thoughts from carnality and worldliness to himself in everything. (Deuteronomy 11.18-20; Colossians 3.16)
7. Pray that the Lord would grant an earnestness to His people as they draw near to Him in private, that He would quicken their spiritual sensitivity, that they would enjoy a greater largeness, freeness, alacrity, nearness to God, and joy in their private devotions. (Psalm 69.18; 119.40, 159; Hebrews 10.22; James 4.8)

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Closing prayer