



# 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, 01/31/2024

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**First Exhortation: Preaching and Hearing Sound Doctrine in our Churches: 1 Timothy 1.1-11; Titus 2.1-15**

**Pray that our Churches would be filled with sound doctrine, and that false doctrine would be rooted out.**

1. Pray for the ministry of the Word: for proper selection and training of candidates, proper oversight by spiritual authority, that those men that are ordained would be men of integrity, knowledge, love, sound divinity, loving the Lord and His Word, teachers of sound doctrine, leading the flock of Christ to the green pastures of His Word alone. (1 Tim. 1.3-4)
2. Pray for the flock of Christ, that it would not follow cunningly devised fables, nor seek to gather teachers catering to itching ears, but with all holiness and sobriety would listen for and greatly desire the voice of Christ in the public ministry of the Word, buying the truth, selling it not, fleeing the voice of strangers, following Christ. (Proverbs 23.23; John 10.4-5)
3. Pray that preachers would preach the total depravity of mankind, that the Lord would be pleased to empty men out of their own filthy-ragged righteousness, that the offense of the cross would have its due effect, that the Spirit would take that sound doctrine and reveal to men their sin, the righteousness of God, and the judgment to come. (John 16.7-11)
4. Pray that ministers would not fear to preach the Law, as that schoolmaster leading to Christ and the perfection of His obedience, and as that which is graciously written upon the hearts of believers, as they strive to please their Heavenly Father in everything; pray also for submission to the Lord and for that love that keeps His commandments. (John 14.15)
5. Pray for sound theological preaching, that the people of God may know the Triune God, learn to love and serve Him alone, learn to contemplate His attributes, to commune with Him in their meditations, to serve Him according to His Word, and to take on that family resemblance as a holy people, growing in the knowledge of the truth. (John 17.1-5)
6. Pray that the Gospel would go forth here and abroad with purity, that false gospels would be torn down, that the purveyors of false gospels would repent, hearing the curse of the Lord brought upon all those who would teach “another gospel.” Pray that the people of God would not tolerate such soul-damning falsehood. (2 Corinthians 11.1-4; Gal. 1.6-9)
7. Pray for the people of God, that they would seek the truth of the Scriptures from their ministers that the Lord has set over them, who know them and labor among them, that the practice of looking away from the local ministry and fellowship to celebrities would not be used to the detriment of the local Church and her ministry; and pray for local pastors, that they would spend and be spent on behalf of their flock, laboring diligently in Word and doctrine. (1 Cor. 16.15; 1 Tim. 5.17)
8. Pray that ministers would be free from the blood of all men, teaching all the counsel of God. (Acts 20.17-35)

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**Second Exhortation: Hope and Comfort in Days of Insecurity and Anxiety: Lam. 3.21-41; 1 Sam. 30.1-6; 1 Peter 5.5-11**

**Pray that in these difficult times, the Lord's people would be encouraged, look to Christ, and not lose hope.**

1. Pray that the Church would rest upon her Father's care in difficult times, remembering that He is the Sovereign over all the world, that He cares for His people, and will lead and guide them in times of trouble, that these times are sent by the Lord for the good of His people, and for His glory. (Psalm 2.1-12)
2. Pray that God's people would remember that the Lord is their safety and strong tower, and that whatever comes upon them, it is from His hand, and He will not suffer them to be tempted above that which they are able, that times of sifting are for their good, for spiritual growth and advance. (Psalm 27.1-6; 1 Corinthians 10.6-14)
3. Pray that the Lord would grant faith that rises to meet the afflictions of the day, that He would give strength to endure hardship, that we would in such times seek greater obedience, and comfort from His Word. (Psalm 119.73-80)
4. Pray that in times of affliction the Church would look to the Word of God, remembering His promises, His mighty acts of deliverance of old, and the many examples of perseverance and hope in perils. (2 Corinthians 11.22-33; 1 Peter 4.12-19)
5. Pray that difficult times would be rightly used by God's people: For receiving chastisement and loving correction from the Lord, for leading us back to His Word for assurance and comfort, for instruction and a good example of persevering faith before others, and as a witness to the watching world, adorning our profession, and that we might partake more and more of His holiness, that He might sanctify our trials to us. (1 Thessalonians 2.1-20; Hebrews 12.1-14)
6. Pray that God's people would know the comfort of His Word in hard times, that they may also comfort those who are in afflictions as well, remembering the great care the Lord has for us, sending such comfort. (2 Corinthians 1.3-11)
7. Pray that as Christians we would sorrow according to the Scriptures, in hope of deliverance and glory, even if we are called upon to seal our profession with the martyr's crown, or by suffering persecution in the spoiling of our goods or livelihoods, that we would bear such things with joy. (1 Thessalonians 4.13; Hebrews 10.32-39)
8. Pray that we would follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God—that we would set the hope that lies within us in the foreground of our mind at all times, with a ready testimony to it. (Hebrews 12.2; 1 Peter 3.15)
9. Pray that Christians would not be ashamed of their hope, but magnify Christ in everything. (Philippians 1.20)

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Closing prayer