



# 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

## Opening Prayer

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 02/01/2023

First Exhortation: The 6<sup>th</sup> Comm. and the Preservation of the Image of God: Gen. 9.1-7; Ex. 21.12-36; Rom. 13.4

**Pray that all people would learn the preciousness of life, and how rightly to protect it.**

1. Pray for the Church, that she would present a consistently Biblical testimony to the truth of Scripture: Mankind as created in the image of God, God as Creator and sustainer of life, that she, with prophetic voice, would condemn the violations of the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment in this age, such as abortion, euthanasia, unjust war, sinful violence, etc. with all occasions, temptations, appearances, and other inducements to such evil. (1 Thess. 5.22; Genesis 9.6)
2. Pray that the Church would set an example of care among her families, such that the weak, oppressed, and despised among us would be loved, honored, and afforded proper status as human beings created in the image of God, “our own flesh,” and not turned out and abandoned to wretchedness. (Isaiah 58.6-7; James 2.15-16)
3. Pray for our civil estate, for protection of the innocent, capital punishment for capital crime, for justice in judgment, not favoring rich or poor, but that those who lie in wait to take innocent life would themselves lose their own life, and that even negligent, accidental manslaughter, would not go unpunished, that human life would be affirmed as the image of God, our land and legal system purged of evil, and our nation exalted in righteousness. (Numbers 35.33; Joshua 20.5)
4. Pray that the people of God would take the lead in in quenching sinful anger, subduing sinful passion, a right use of medicine, food and drink, such that we would, with all moderation, set an example of that quiet and peaceable life the Lord has revealed to His children, and that our example would induce others peace. (Acts 23.12-27; 1 Tim. 2.1-7)
5. Pray that the people of God would lead by example in recreations, and in their vocations, that they would not endanger their own lives, or the lives of others for monetary gain, recreational pleasure, the rush of adrenaline, or any other unlawful behavior, but that we would, by our actions, acknowledge life as a precious gift from the Lord. (Proverbs 1.10-16)
6. Pray for the people of God, that we would set an example of patience, forgiveness, not rendering evil for evil, leaving vengeance to the Lord, and loving our neighbor as ourselves, and removing temptations to violence. (Rom. 12-17-21)
7. Pray for parents in our nation, that the sinful and violent passions of youth would be punished, subdued, and thus weakened or eliminated in our children that they grow in Christ to be lovers of God and men. (Eph. 4.31-32)

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Second Exhortation: The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment, Proper Human Intimacy and Relation

**Pray concerning the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment and its implications. 1 Corinthians 5.1-6.11; Ephesians 5.1-8; Lev. 18.24-30**

1. Pray for the Church, instructing all her membership from the Word of God on human intimacy, the Divine Institution of Marriage, that ministers of the Word would address these topics, that the people of God might be well furnished against the destruction wrought upon our land through systematic disregard for the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment. (Lev. 18.24-30)
2. Pray that the Church would provide leadership, help, counseling, and other spiritual supply to support lawful marriage, discourage and discipline sinful divorce, honor the discipline of other churches, encourage obedience, discourage deficiencies, that the families of the Church might witness to the beauty of God’s design. (Prov. 5.18; Hebrews 13.4)
3. Pray for our civil leaders, that they would look to the Lord for the ordering of this civil estate of the family, that perverseness and vile behavior would be punished, lawful and Biblical marriage encouraged and preserved, that the Lord would be pleased to grant sound households to our land, that single parenthood would be rare rather than common, and that perverse unions would be forbidden by statute and common consent. (Deuteronomy 24.4; 1 Kings 15.9-13)
4. Pray that Biblical marriage would be encouraged in the Church and State, with inducements for marriage provided, that the Lord would be pleased to advance the Biblical design of family in our midst. (Deuteronomy 24.5)
5. Pray for good relations between extended families, that we would avoid intermeddling with one another’s family authority structures, that men would lead their families with love and care as the responsible parties, that wives would submit to their husbands in the Lord, that parents would together provide godly leadership, order, instruction, and discipline for their children, that each family, and the members in it, would understand their God-given duties and perform them with joy, that our prayers be not hindered, and the Gospel adorned. (Ephesians 6.1-3; 1 Peter 3.1-7)
6. Pray for a godly understanding of inheritance, according to Scripture, that this encouragement to family integrity would be preached from our pulpits and embraced by our people, and modeled to the watching world, that the preservation of knowledge, of wealth, and of wisdom, and specially of spirituality would flow from generation to generation according to God’s design, for the good of our race, and the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. (Isaiah 54.11-17)
7. Pray that atomization of the family would be seen for what it is—a curse upon our land—that family nurture would be restored, that parents would raise their children according to God’s design, that marriage and child-bearing (and holy child-rearing) would once again be united together in purpose and execution. (1 Timothy 5.1-16)

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Closing prayer