



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, 03/27/2024

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First Exhortation: Foreign and Domestic Missions, and the Advance of the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 13-14

Pray for the Mission Work of the Church, both at home and abroad.

1. Pray for the Gospel ministry, that ministers would have an eye to the mission of the Church: The gathering and perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edification of the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4.11-12)
2. Pray for Gospel preaching here and broad—for its purity, power (in the Spirit) and that the Lord would grant many souls to Gospel preaching, such that the Word would have free course, accomplishing that for which the Lord has sent it, giving glory to His Name, drawing many to Christ. (Isaiah 55.6-13; 2 Thessalonians 3.1)
3. Pray that the Church and her ministry would avoid the temptation to be “wiser than God” by changing His Gospel message of sin, righteousness, judgment; grace, mercy, and peace with God through Jesus Christ; presenting sub-biblical ideas of God, and that she would not follow cunningly devised fables, nor handle the Word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth present God in all His glory, and Jesus Christ in all His mercy. (2 Corinthians 4.1-7)
4. Pray that the work of missions would go forth according to the Scriptures, that the Church would seek after a command from Christ, found in His Word, not only for mission work itself, but in every aspect of that mission work seeking obedience, that she would be content with the Revelation and command of Christ and its sufficiency. (Matthew 28.18-20)
5. Pray that in the planting of new domestic Churches, that we would not “labor in another’s field,” that there would be greater cooperation among faithful Reformed Presbyterian Churches, that the Lord would remove from our midst sub-biblical ideas of sectarianism and division, and grant humility and cooperation instead. (2 Corinthians 10.12-18)
6. Pray for those who labor in this work, that they would not run without being sent, that they would submit to the authority they have over them, and that this would work be a Churchly, ecclesiastical endeavor, according to the appointment of Christ, and not off loaded to a para-church organizations or private endeavor. (John 20.19-31)
7. Pray that the members in the pews would consider themselves, being members of the Church, a part of a missionary organization, and that every member would thereby take up their duty to do the work of missions according to their place and station, with prayer, monetary support, and encouragement, and that they would also have a ready profession of the hope that lies within them, no matter the cost. (2 Thessalonians 3.1-5; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; 1 Peter 3.15-17)
8. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would raise and send laborers into His field. (Matthew 9.38)

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Second Exhortation: Proper Unity in the Truth: Ephesians 4.1-16; 1 Corinthians 1.10-16

Pray for the Church, that proper separation from evil would be maintained, and improper separation brought down.

1. Pray for the proper methodology in establishing true union in the body of Christ: That the ministry of the Word would teach the truth, that the people of God would hear, and be drawn together in the faithful teaching of the Word of Christ the head, unto the healing of the breaches in the walls of Zion. (Ephesians 4.1-16)
2. Pray that in today’s imperfect estate of the Church that we would cry up that which makes for peace among the people of God, and would not magnify things of smaller significance out of proportion in order sinfully to draw out greater division, “distinguishing ourselves” wrongly, advancing separation from other like-minded brethren. (Romans 16.17-20)
3. Pray for common orthodoxy to come to the fore, going before us in unity, that we might with brotherhood and affection discuss our differences with uprightness and with an eye to serving Christ—refusing compromise and unnecessary division, remaining faithful to our Confessional Standards. (1 Corinthians 1.10-13)
4. Pray for humility among the people of God, elders and members alike, that our own distinctives and traditions would not be pridefully held, but that we would serve the Lord humbly in everything we believe He has required. (1 Peter 5.5)
5. Pray that our first movement in identifying deficiencies would be to identify our own, removing the log from our eye before working toward our brother’s mote—pray for self-examination, and reluctance to accuse others of fault or folly, for a cleaning of our own house before looking upon others. (James 1.19-27)
6. Pray that the Lord would turn away from His anger that “has divided them” and that He would be merciful to us, giving us unity in the truth of His Word—that He would open the eyes of our pride, that by His grace we might present to the Him that pure worship, godly and Biblical doctrine, holy practice befitting His people. (Lam. 4.16; Zephaniah 3.9)
7. Pray that we would be ready to turn away from unity that requires a compromising of the commands or doctrines of the Lord, that we would desire to serve Him, not the idol of ecumenicism, and that in so doing we might present a competent witness to the watching world of our commitment to Christ and love to Him and His people. (John 13.35)
8. Pray that our love one for another would not outstrip our love for Christ—His doctrine, His direction for living—that we might at all times set that true example of unity in Christ before one another. (Colossians 2.16-23; Eph. 4.15-16)
9. Pray for repentance for the people of God, that in all things by which we have advanced division sinfully and carnally, we would be humbled for our schismatic ways, seeking repentance and reformation instead. (1 Corinthians 1.10-13; 3.1-4)

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Closing Prayer