

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, 04/14/2021

Opening Prayer

Psalm: 115.1-9; Page 255

First Exhortation: The Woe of Idolatry, and the Blessedness of Serving the True God: Deuteronomy 4.15-40

Pray for the Church, that she would put away her idols, and serve the true God.

1. Pray for the Church, that she would seek the Lord, His favor, His approval, that she might know the true blessing and privilege of what it means to serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to all that He has revealed of Himself to us. (Psalm 86.10-15)
2. Pray that the Church would not seek the approval of this world, nor give her loyalty to worldly ideas, but that she would hear her Shepherd, Head and Husband, and follow Him. (John 10.14-16)
3. Pray that the Lord would teach His people what the idols of this age are, that the Church might be especially aware of the temptations to heart idolatry common to us all, that we would “put away the strange gods among us” and worship and serve the Lord alone. (Ezekiel 14.1-6)
4. Pray for Church leaders, for that they would be guides to Christ, and not to any others, that those leaders themselves would hear the voice of Christ in their leadership, and not be guides to falsehood and idolatry—in their teaching, counseling, example, conduct, corrections, and in all their spiritual care, as those who will give account. (Ezekiel 34.16)
5. Pray for the people of God, that they might follow godly leadership in the Churches, away from the idols of the age and all their fables, that their ears would not itch for falsehood, but would be open to the pure Word of God, that they might addict themselves to the ministry of Christ. (2 Timothy 4.1-8; 1 Corinthians 16.15)
6. Pray that the Lord would purge from His people all secret, and open idolatry in false worship, un-commanded worship, image worship, observing of “times,” carnality in worship, and coldness and deadness in worship—that her worship of the true God might be reformed, revived, and undertaken in the beauty of holiness. (Colossians 2.16-23)
7. Pray for the Church, that she would hold fast to the Head, even Christ, and in so doing, she would not lose her reward in feigned humility, and following after the idols of this world in her worship, her doctrine, her order and discipline, and in the way she ministers in this world; but that the Lord would grant her true spiritual wisdom and knowledge, that when “Wisdom” cries out, she would hear. (Proverbs 1.20-23; 8.1-11; Colossians 2.4-13)

Psalm: 96.1-8; Page 209

Second Exhortation: Godly Church Government, under Christ: 1 Timothy 3.1-16; Titus 1.1-16

Pray for Church Government in the Visible Church according to godliness and uprightness.

1. Pray for the leaders of the Church, that they would minister as servants of Christ, giving glory to Him, and remembering that they will give account to Him. (1 Corinthians 4.1-4)
2. Pray for church leaders, for proper time for reflection, self-examination, receiving correction from the Lord through His Word, and those sent by the Lord, that the Lord would be pleased to “purify the sons of Levi,” blessing His people with godly Church government. (Malachi 3.3-6)
3. Pray for the people of God, that they would desire, gravitate toward, and follow godly Church government, rejoicing with thankfulness, receiving direction and instruction, hearing reproof as that word of wisdom, being established in the faith, that the Lord would be pleased to bless His Church. (Acts 16.1-5)
4. Pray that Church leaders would be committed to the principles of Scripture in their government—meeting together as elders, prayerful deliberation, with fasting and prayer, speaking the truth, resting on Scripture, seeking a greater unity and unanimity, following the pattern laid down in Scripture. (Acts 13.1-4; 15.1-29)
5. Pray that men would not run without being sent, but wait upon the training, approval, and sending of the brethren, that men would not “gather disciples after them” sinfully, but after Christ. (2 Timothy 2.1-2; Romans 10.13-15)
6. Pray that ministers and elders would spend and be spent for the flock of Jesus Christ, refusing all self-aggrandizement, greed, personal profit, seeking the glory of men, but as ministers of Christ, would “endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (2 Timothy 2.3-13)
7. Pray for the ministry of the Church, that it would be committed to the preaching of the Word, preaching Christ and His Gospel, preaching the whole counsel of God, being instant, in season and out, not in the words of earthly wisdom, but by the Spirit of God, in the sight of God, not handling the Word of God deceitfully. (2 Corinthians 4.1-7)
8. Pray for courage and fortitude for the elders of the Church, that as a part of that ministry, they would “reprove, rebuke and exhort,” that their more unpleasant duties would be taken up with godly spirituality. (Galatians 6.1; 2 Timothy 4.2)

Psalm 106.19-31, Page 234

Closing prayer