

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, ALWAYS REFORMING

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 04/17/2024 (No Prayer Meeting at Church this Week)

Opening Prayer

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First 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 Scripture, 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, refusing to hear the voice of strangers. (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 correction as that word of wisdom, being established in the faith, that the Lord would be pleased to bless His Church, following leaders as they follow Christ. (Acts 16.1-5; 1 Peter 5.1-4)
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 Presbyterian 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” doing battle by praying constantly and earnestly for the Lord’s flock. (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)

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Second Exhortation: Christian Strength regarding Doctrinal and Practical Conviction: 2 Tim. 1.1-14; Heb. 10-19-25

Pray for Christian fortitude and conviction in this difficult time of society’s growing disapproval of Christianity.

1. Pray for Christians that we would not fear men, disease, persecution, or any other thing, but that we would fear God and keep His commandments, as the whole sum of the matter, resting in Christ and His salvation. (Ecclesiastes 12.13-14)
2. As the society around us becomes less and less tolerant of Christian doctrine and practice, and intolerant of the Commandments of the Lord, pray that Christians would love the Lord all the more, His commandments and doctrine, and that the Lord would provide strength of conviction in all that His Word teaches, in doctrine and practice. (2 Timothy 1.13)
3. Pray that the people of God would not fear the gathering of forces together against them in a “confederacy” but that we would sanctify the Lord of Hosts, having Him as our fear, and Him as our dread, (Isaiah 8.12-13) and that we would also have that ready answer to all who ask of our hope, speaking of the great things He has done for us. (1 Peter 3.15)
4. Pray that the reasonings of this world, its theories and paradigms of thought would not find a home in our minds, but that we would bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, that the vain philosophies of this world would pale, and the Word of God come into full focus. (2 Corinthians 10.1-6; Colossians 2.4-12)
5. Pray that the people of God would not love this world and its approval, but that we would seek to please the Lord and follow Him, recognizing that it is he alone whom we serve. (John 12.43; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5)
6. Pray for a competent and abiding confession of Christ before men, no matter the consequences, following Christ in all things, and not being moved off of Christian commitments, never denying Him in word or deed. (Matthew 10.32-42)
7. Pray for encouragement, Christian to Christian, in the face of growing disdain for Christian doctrine and practice, that the body of Christ would edify one another in faith, doctrine, and obedience, by exhortation and example. (Ephesians 4.15-16)
8. Pray that Christians would not bite and devour one another in these days of growing disapproval from society toward Christianity, but that we would love one another according to the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5.13-26)
9. Pray especially for the ministers of the Gospel, that they would refuse compromise with the world, the flesh, and the devil, but instead would preach the Word, fully, faithfully, and comprehensively. (2 Timothy 4.1-5; Acts 20.27-28)
10. Pray that Christians would not fear to bear the reproach of Christ, knowing that we have a greater reward that this world can give. (Hebrews 13.13; Matthew 5.11-12)

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Closing prayer