# 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, AND EVER REFORMING

**Opening Prayer** 

# Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 07/09/2025

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First Exhortation: Gainful employment with diligence for providers: Ecclesiastes 2.12-26; 5.18-20; Eph. 4.28;

Pray for those who provide for others in the Church, form gainful, honest employment, and diligence.

- 1. Pray for the fathers and husbands of the Church, that they would take joy in providing for their families, sacrificing on their behalf, becoming experts in their callings, with thankfulness and service to the Lord. (2 Corinthians 12.14)
- 2. Pray as many have lost work, or been curtailed in their ability to provide, for creativity, honesty, diligence, and responsibility in pursuing meaningful and gainful employment, that the Lord would provide that work and reward, that they might be able to provide uprightly for their families, and for generosity from others in time of need (Psalm 104.23)
- 3. Pray for the sons of the Church that they would develop marketable skills in their formative years, so that when they come to adulthood, they might be ready to provide for a wife and children before the Lord. (Genesis 30.25-36; Acts 18.1-3)
- 4. Pray that those of the Church who are receiving government payments instead of working would soon be able to find their own work, that they might labor with their own hands, providing for themselves and others. (Ephesians 4.28)
- 5. Pray that the breadwinners of the Church would be diligent in all their labor, holding forth a good testimony, such that the Lord would bless the work of their hands, that their families would have the provision they need. (Proverbs 12.24-27)
- 6. Pray for a wise, good and thrifty use of resources, especially in times when employment is more scarce, giving thanks to the Lord, and not wasting what He provides, thankful for every morsel with peace. (Proverbs 17.1; 18.9)
- 7. Pray for the families of the Church in times of greater supply, for generosity, and for wisdom to lay up in store for those times of want, for a hedge against difficult providence, and in so doing, making good use of the Lord's provision to them—being a good example, bearing their own burdens, and that of others in times of need. (1 Timothy 6.17-20)
- 8. Pray that Christians, and especially Christian fathers and husbands, would rise up to the responsibility to provide for their own, and not look to others to do so, that they would stretch themselves, obeying the Lord in their duty to provide for their households, refusing "wealth gotten by vanity," seeking honest labor. (Genesis 47.13-26; 1 Timothy 5.8)
- 9. Pray for those breadwinners who have lost work, as they make their diligent search for employment, that they might do so with confidence in the Lord's supply, humility in their estate, and thankfulness for labor, searching diligently. (Psalm 37.25)

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## Second Exhortation: The Public Worship of the Lord: 1 Corinthians 14.26-40; Psalm 122.1-9

## Pray for the Church, her love for the Public Worship, its order and purity, and that it might continue unhindered.

- 1. Pray that a biblical love for the public worship of God would fill our Churches, that the people of God would cherish the privilege of serving God through Jesus Christ, that they would fulfill their vows to the Lord in supporting their local churches, that the Lord would draw many to worship Him in Spirit and Truth. (Hebrews 13.15)
- 2. Pray that the ministers of the Church would be trained properly "that the acceptable way of worshipping God is instituted by Himself" and that they would build orders of worship based upon the commands of the Lord, leaving off all inventions of men, and that the people of God would desire their elders to lead in the way of Christ. (Deuteronomy 12.31-32)
- 3. Pray that the Psalms would be used more and more in public, family, and secret worship, according to the commands of the Lord, that the people of God would "let the word of Christ dwell in them richly." (Colossians 3.16)
- 4. Pray for preachers, that they would cease from the doctrines and commandments of men, and teach the whole counsel of God, and that the people of God would give good heed to the Word, especially as it comes to the way of preaching the Word, that as an element of worship it would be informed by Scripture instruction. (Acts 20.27; Isaiah 50.5; 2 Tim. 4.1-2)
- 5. Pray for the civil authorities of our land, that they would not hinder the public worship of the Lord, but would consider Christian Churches worshipping within their bounds to be an adornment of their jurisdiction, and would promote the worship of God in their lawful bounds, thus preserving their nations. (Ezra 6.1-12; Proverbs 16.12)
- 6. Pray for pastors and church members, that they would have good relationships with their local civil authorities, that they would speak the truth of the Word of God unto them, encouraging them in all their lawful duties, and speaking for the God of Heaven, and His commands concerning receiving His worship and proper civil governance. (2 Chronicles 26.18)
- 7. Pray that if necessary, the people of God, in obedience to His command to worship Him, would meet, even secretly, when opposition arises against the Churches, obeying God rather than men, and pray for our brothers and sisters who must meet thusly for fear of civil retribution, for courage and protection. (Acts 5.29; 1 Kings 18.4; 13)
- 8. Pray for single-hearted devotion to the Lord when the Church gathers, that the Lord would be pleased to grant greater focus and attention to His Word, and other ordinances, that they might also be prosecuted in purity. (Psalm 9.1; 119.2)
- 9. Pray that when the church is kept from gathering, or that when members are providentially hindered from meeting with the people of God, that we would lament our absence, that the Lord would remove indifference in attendance. (Psalms 42, 43)

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