## 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 ALWAYS REFORMING

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 09/15/2021

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First Exhortation: The Godly Christian Family: Colossians 3.12-25; 1 Peter 3.1-12

Pray for the Strong, Godly, Christian Families to shine as light in this world.

- 1. Pray for Christian fathers, that they would take up the Spiritual leadership of their homes as they who must give account to the Lord, setting the tone of godliness in their homes by good spiritual direction, attendance and membership in a sound Church, consistent family worship, personal works of piety, and that their wives would encourage and support them in these things. (Ephesians 5.21-23)
- 2. Pray for Christian mothers, that they would take up their Biblical role in the home with joy, supporting and submitting to their own husbands, that they too would provide good direction, support the family's membership and fellowship at Church, be diligent in family worship, guiding the home and providing that unique perspective they bring to their family's life and godliness. (1 Timothy 5.1-16)
- 3. Pray for Christian children, for joyful submission to their parents, obedience in all things, early conversion to Christ, diligence in Spiritual exercise both secret, private, and public. Pray for Christian parents that they would give godly attention and instruction to their children, guiding their manners and education in a godly way. (Proverbs 22.6)
- 4. Pray for the breadwinners of Christian families, for diligence in labor as unto the Lord, a godly example to their coworkers, for frugality, living within their means with contentedness, avoiding the bondage of debt and covetousness, and adorning their public profession of faith with service and generosity. (Deuteronomy 15.12-15)
- 5. Pray for the education of covenant children, that it would thoroughly Christian, true, and according to the Scripture maxim that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of understanding, wisdom and knowledge. (Psalm 111.10)
- 6. Pray for the palpable difference between Christian families and those of the world, that as Christian families we may shine as lights in this world, distinguishing ourselves by obedience in our worship, labor, leisure, and service to others. Pray also that this difference would present opportunity for Christian testimony. (Philippians 2.14-16)
- 7. Pray that the Church would provide Biblical instruction to her families, that they may know how to live before the Lord according to His Word, and not according to the vain teachings of the world. (Ephesians 2.1-10)

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## Second Exhortation: The War-Footing of the Christian: Psalm 144.1-15; Ephesians 6.10-20; 2 Timothy 2.1-7

Pray for the Church Militant, here on earth, that she would take up her weapons.

- 1. Pray that Christians would not love the world, that they would not be lulled to sleep by the world's empty promises of peace, prosperity, security, and glory, but that the Church would look to the Lord for all these and more, for salvation in Christ, and dedication to "that which is above." (Colossians 3.1-4)
- 2. Pray that the Church would use her weapons rightly—prayer, meditation, fleeing evil influence and input, saturating our minds with Scripture, etc. that the Lord would be pleased to sharpen these armaments for the advancement of his kingdom. (2 Corinthians 10.1-6)
- 3. Pray that the Church would follow the example of Christ in all her doing battle with evil, by gracious speech, Scripture discernment, knowing the times, keeping ourselves pure, committing ourselves to the father as dear children, trusting in His Word and ways, and speaking Gospel truth to the world according to our places. (1 Peter 2.21-25)
- 4. Pray that Christians would do battle with indwelling sin, mortifying it, resisting temptation, avoiding compromise, encouraging and lovingly correcting one another, and understanding their duty more and more. (Colossians 3.5-11)
- 5. Pray that the Church would not involver herself in worldly thought and philosophy, that she would not bring the ideas of the enemy of our souls within the gate, that false teaching would be rooted out, and proper discipline would have its purging effect upon the house of the Lord. (Colossians 2.8)
- 6. Pray that the people of God would resist the Devil and his temptations, that we would not give up the fight, but reckoning the great danger that he presents, would steadfastly resist this enemy. (1 Peter 5.8-9)
- 7. Pray for the Church, that she would know that she has here no continuing city, but that she must seek Christ outside the gate, following Him, loving Him more than father, mother, or any other earthly relation. (Hebrews 13.7-14)
- 8. Pray that the Church would follow those Scripture metaphors of battle, purely worshipping the Lord, that His praises might lead the way, that our weapons would be spiritual, not carnal, that our praise to God and confidence in His victory would lead us to "do exploits" in the name of Christ, following Him on to victory. (Daniel 11.32)

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Closing prayer