



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 Reforming

Opening Prayer

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 11/24/2021

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First Exhortation: Thankfulness is enjoined upon the people of God: Philippians 4.1-13; Psalm 118.1-29

Pray for the Church, for thankfulness, and for here example of thankfulness to the world.

1. Pray that the Lord would grant humility to his people, that more and more they would realize their low estate, and the great privilege and grace afforded to them in Christ, that they would have a ready profession of thankfulness upon their lips, setting that example before the world. (Psalm 26.6-12)
2. Pray for trust, and resting upon the Lord in all things, with confidence that He does all things well, and holds our lives and circumstances in His providential care, such that we would be delivered from murmuring, and instead given to contentedness and thankfulness. (Philippians 2.14-16)
3. Pray that the Lord would deliver us from a mindset of what we think we deserve, or are owed, in this world, but humbly to receive from Him even the afflictions of this life with thanksgiving, not thwarting their usefulness to us spiritually, but profiting spiritually from every difficulty. (James 1.3)
4. Pray that the people of God would take time to recall and take notice of their blessings and gifts the Lord has given to them, learning to look for ways to be thankful, and avoiding all courses of thought that would tempt them to think themselves deprived in any way. (Psalm 63.1-8)
5. Pray for humility, acknowledgment, confession and repentance for every instance of murmuring and complaint, that the Lord would grant to His people a hatred for discontentment, a love of the things that God has given to us in this life, and a godly focus upon the Spiritual blessings that we have received in Christ. (Ephesians 1.3-13)
6. Pray that the people of God would be a good example to the world in all kinds of ways to promote thankfulness: By praying publicly before meals in restaurants and other public venues, by thanking the Lord publicly for their civil leaders and government in ways proper to uprightness, and in works of mercy in the community. (1 Timothy 2.1-2)
7. Pray that God's people would recognize His goodness in every benefit they receive, and in every trial sent from the Lord, that we would focus our thankfulness upon the Lord, remembering Him as the first cause and ultimate source of every good and perfect gift. (Psalm 116.17; James 1.17)

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Second Exhortation: The Preaching of the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1.17-31; Galatians 6.11-18

Pray that ministers would preach Christ, that the Preaching of the Cross would be blessed to the saving of souls.

1. Pray that ministers would preach the cross of Christ: That is, that they would preach of sin, rebellion, wrath, and that as due to all men for their sins, and the cross of Christ as the only hope for men to be delivered from the wrath to come. (Galatians 6.14)
2. Pray that the preaching of the Word would be a terror to self-righteousness, to self reformation, that it would reveal the powerlessness in every person to reform himself, or in himself to be acceptable to God. Pray that the Lord would open many ears, to hear of this helplessness, that many would call upon the Name of the Lord. (Ezekiel 16.6)
3. Pray that the offense of the cross, under the sweet and omnipotent influences of the Spirit of God, would not be so offensive as to cause many to turn away, but that by God's grace many would be humbled, and realizing their need of savior, would turn to Christ alone. (1 Corinthians 14.21-25)
4. Pray that while it is true that our Lord was despised and rejected of many in His day, and in ours, that the Lord would, by the preaching of the cross, draw many into Himself in our day, that the love of a crucified Savior for His people would be the means of their repentance and calling upon Him. (John 12.27-36)
5. Pray that in our day of never ending positivity and personal, necessary affirmation that the Lord would make use of conviction of sin, a suffering Savior, the substitutionary atonement, and the knowledge of our own guilt to turn us from our addiction to "good feelings" and with grief and hatred of our sins that many would call upon the Name of the Lord, receiving the saving grace of repentance unto life. (2 Corinthians 7.11)
6. Pray that, because of the cross of Christ, the people of God would cry out not for blessing, but for repentance, not for material things, but for spiritual humility and sense of their true deserving, that they would desire nothing but Christ and Him crucified. (1 Corinthians 2.1-5)
7. Pray that for those already converted, the preaching of the cross would have its due fruit as well, assisting them in maintaining holiness, humility, thankfulness, and love for their crucified and risen Savior. (Romans 6.1-13)
8. Pray that the people of God would not be ashamed of the cross of Christ, but that their lives and speech would boldly proclaim the need they have of a Savior who would Himself take their sins upon Himself to be punished in their stead, and that this testimony to the great grace of Christ would encourage many to trust Him. (Romans 1.16; 2 Tim. 1.8-16)

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