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, 08/12/2020

<u>Opening Prayer</u> Psalm: 102.23-28; Page 218

First Exhortation: Christianity Generation upon Generation: Isaiah 59.9-21; Psalm 78.1-8

Pray for the Lord's blessing upon this generation, that He would provide and enable all the means of transmission of the true religion in the generations to come.

- 1. Pray that Christian parents would take up the joyful and fearful responsibility of raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6.1-4)
- 2. Pray that the Lord would bless all the means to their appointed end of passing on that faith: Catechizing, godly fellowship, good and wholesome friendships, mutual encouragement among Christian youth, Christian education, regular attendance on public and private ordinances, godly families, etc. for His Kingdom's sake. (Psalm 34.11-22)
- 3. Pray for solid and godly friendships especially as children grow toward their more independent years, that they may be one of the means of God's keeping His kittle ones faithful into their adulthood. (1 Corinthians 15.33; Psalm 37.37)
- 4. Pray for the students of the Church, in their various levels, that the Lord would give diligence in study, and godly and Spirit-led discernment in all things, such that the reasonings of men would be cast down, and every thought brought captive to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10.1-6)
- 5. Pray, as man faithful churches are small, for good relationships with other like-minded and faithful churches, that families might form good acquaintances and friendships, that our fellowship might stretch beyond our provincial bounds, to the glory of the Lord's kingdom. (Genesis 24.1-9)
- 6. Pray for the colleges and universities of our land, that the Lord would bring an end to all anti-Christian bias, and atheistic, or humanistic world views, and that it would be universally recognized that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge. (Psalm 111.10; Proverbs 2.5; 9.10)
- 7. Pray that the Lord would grant godly Christian educators in all levels of education, and in all administration-level positions, that the knowledge of the truth would not be opposed, but promoted, from the perspective of a Christian world-view. (Psalm 19.1-7)
- 8. Pray for the exposure of public education's failure, and for godly Christians to erect sound Christian schools that will teach the fear of the Lord, and all disciplines from that perspective, with excellence. (Jeremiah 9.23-24)

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Second Exhortation: The Perseverance of the Saints: Colossians 1.9-23; John 8.30-32

Pray for the members of the visible Church, that the Lord would grant perseverance unto the end.

- 1. Pray for the members of the visible Church, that they would not behave in such a way as to endanger their spiritual well-being, in sinful presumption upon the Lord's mercy. (1 Peter 4.18)
- 2. Pray for a godly use of all the means of perseverance among the visible Church: Attendance upon ordinances, regular prayer and private worship, brotherly encouragement and example, godly Church discipline, and that the Lord would make all these effectual in the perseverance of the saints. (Hebrew s 10.22-26)
- 3. Pray that the Lord would use the means of grace to give rise to hunger in the people of God for communion with Him, drawing near unto Him in their hearts. (Psalm 27.8; 42 and 43, John 6.44; 12.32)
- 4. Pray for a proper use of the things of this world by God's people, such that we do not begin to love the world's dainties in excess, drawing our hearts away from the Lord. (Psalm 141.4)
- 5. Pray that the people of God would put the difference between the holy and profane, rendering their hearts unto the Lord, serving Him in all that they do, giving Him glory. (1 Corinthians 10.31; Colossians 3.22-25)
- 6. Pray that God's people would keep close accounts upon their own thoughts, such that temptations to defection from the truth would be detected early, and rooted out before they can do harm. (Deuteronomy 4.9; Hebrews 3.12-13)
- 7. Pray for godly friendships, fellowship, and a holy use of them, seeking to keep ourselves in the love of God, and to be of use to others in their keeping. (Acts 11.23; 1 Thessalonians 2.10-12)
- 8. Pray for the people of God, that they would learn how rightly to deal with temptation, to avoid its occasions, and to learn to flee from evil, its appearances, and to run in the way of holiness. (1 Thessalonians 5.22; Isaiah 58.13-14)
- 9. Pray for God's people, that in learning to delight in the Sabbath, and to keep it, that the Lord would facilitate all other obedience unto perseverance as well. (Ezekiel 20.12-20; see also WLC 121)

Psalm 141.6-10, Page 319 <u>Closing prayer</u>