

From Matthew 6: ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ¹⁴ “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Sunday: What is the purpose of the Lord’s Prayer? Give thanks for New Creation (Kitchener, Ont.) RPC’s new elders and the work that they have already begun to do. **Pray** for elders to be raised up in the Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Monday: What does “hallowed” mean? Pray with First (Cambridge, Mass.) RPC for the Sutherland and Klingsmith families as they are navigating the challenges of having newborns with heart defects and spending many days in the intensive care unit. **Pray** for Gainesville, Fla., RP Fellowship, for encouragement and growth.

Tuesday: What does it mean to pray for the coming of Christ’s kingdom? Pray for outreach opportunities this summer at Hetherton (Johannesburg, Mich.) RPC. **Pray** for the raising up of elders and deacons at the new Reformed Presbyterian congregation in Brikama, The Gambia. **Pray** that those at McKinnon (Australia) RPC would see fruit come from their being witness to others about Christ. **Pray** for Selma, Ala., RPC as it continues to grieve the loss of its building (through a tornado) and the death of a longtime elder, former Selma mayor George Evans.

Wednesday: Why do we have to pray for our daily needs to be met? Pray with the RP Home for continued support for their chapel renovation. **Pray** for those taking the Church Introduction Course at Geelong (Australia) RPC. **Pray** for Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) RPC, that it would be encouraged, and would soon have a pastor.

Thursday: If we don’t forgive others, will God forgive us? Give thanks for new members at Belle Center, Ohio, RPC, including those transferring from other denominations, those making professions of faith out of the world, and baptized members making personal profession; **pray** that the congregation will bless them; pray that they will be a blessing to the congregation. **Pray** for additional elders to be raised up in the Frankston (Australia) RPC.

Friday: Are you sincere when you pray for deliverance from temptation? How are we delivered from the evil one (that is, the devil)? Pray for the RP Missions team serving in South Sudan through much of the summer; **pray** that their service would be beneficial to the Cush4Christ team, the South Sudan Community Church, and Cush Christian School; **pray** also that the Lord would use this time of service to confirm His call on the lives of each of these team members. **Pray** for the spread of the gospel in The Gambia, a small nation in West Africa that is 90% Muslim. **Pray** that the necessary renovations for Atlanta RPC’s church building would soon be done.

Saturday: Do you thank and praise God when you pray? Give thanks with Oswego, N.Y., RPC for the recent election of Kevin Hayden to the diaconate. **Pray**

for tomorrow’s service at Atlanta RPC, that many visitors would be present and would be positively impacted by the gospel.

Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church

*The Lord’s Day
June 4, 2023*

Meeting every week at
574 Western Avenue
(corner of Western and Walnut Street)
Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 3:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

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Psalms 115:1-

*The Invocation

*Psalm 135B

“Hallelujah! Praise the Lord’s Name!”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 44:9-20

*Psalm 18A

“I Love You, Lord! You Are My Strength”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 14A “The Fool Is Saying in His Heart, ‘There Surely Is No God’”

Scripture Text

Exodus 20:1-3

The Sermon

“Idolatry: What the First Commandment Forbids”

*Prayer

*Psalm 115A

“Lord, Not to Us, Not unto Us”

*Benediction

*Psalm 119M

“O How I Love Thy Law, It Is My Study All the Day”

* *Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“And one cried unto another and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”—Isaiah 6:3. “Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.’”—Leviticus 19:2. “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”—Revelation 1:8.

Q. 41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 42. What is the sum of the ten commandments? A. The sum of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our

soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments? A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

For your convenience, a tithe box is located at the back.

Theme: The law forbids atheism, profaneness, and idolatry.

I. Atheism—denying the existence of God (Psalm 14:1)

II. Profaneness [Contempt] of God’s worship and honor

A. Not knowing God or not having proper knowledge

B. Being forgetful of Him—a practical atheism

C. Hating God or loving other things more than Him

1. A question of priorities—loving God with our all

2. Examples: sports; fame; fortune; power;

pleasure (e.g., sex); drugs; alcohol; family

3. Doing what we believe to be wrong

D. Not giving to God the glory that is due unto Him

III. Idolatry

A. Religious

1. Satanic things: Satan worship; the occult; false gods

2. Nature worship

a. Pantheism—belief that God exists in everything

b. The deification and worship of nature

3. Worship of angels, Mary, and the saints

B. Political—the State opposing the glory/authority of God

1. Supplier of all—from womb to tomb

2. Ruler of all—usurping authority of Family and Church

3. Definer of all—right and wrong; life itself

4. Promoting blatant sins: murder; immorality; tyranny

5. Not recognizing from whence all authority comes

6. Danger of succumbing to this idolatry by the government

C. Other examples—“Samta Claus”; gambling and lottery

IV. The Significance of “before Me”

Summary and conclusion

A. This commandment demonstrates to us how bad we are

B. This commandment should drive us to Christ