

Hopewell ARP Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, June 3, 2020

- **6:30 p.m. Devotional on James 4:2–3**

- **6:40 Prayers of Adoration**

- Prayer adoring God—especially distinguishing ourselves from the worshipers of false gods.
- *The idols of the nations are silver and gold, they are vanity and a lie, the work of man's hands; those who make them will become like them, everyone who trusts in them. But the portion of Jacob is not like these, for the Maker of all is He, and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; the LORD of hosts is His name; God over all, blessed forevermore.*
(from Psalm 115:4, 8; Jeremiah 10:16; Romans 9:5)

- **6:50 p.m. Prayers of Confession**

- Prayer confessing sin, complaining of ourselves, and humbly professing our repentance, especially confessing and bewailing our uncharitableness towards our brethren, and unpeaceableness with our relations, neighbors, and friends, and perhaps injustice towards them.
- *Our hearts have been closed against those who are in need; and we have hidden ourselves from our own flesh. Indeed, perhaps our eye has been hostile toward our poor brother, and we have dishonored the poor man.*
(from 1John 3:17; Isaiah 58:7; Deuteronomy 15:9; James 2:6)

- **7:00 p.m. Prayers of Petition**

- Prayer making petition and supplication for the good things that we stand in need of—especially for grace to fortify us against every evil thought, word, and work. Having been earnest for the removing of the guilt of sin, that we may not die for it as a crime, we must be no less earnest for the breaking of the power of sin, that we may not die by it as a disease, but that it may be mortified in us.
- *Let our old self be crucified with Christ, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we may no longer be slaves to sin. And do not let sin reign in our mortal bodies (in our immortal souls) so that we should obey its lusts; but having been freed from sin, let us become slaves of righteousness.*
(from Romans 6:6, 12, 18)

- **7:10 p.m. Prayers of Thanksgiving**

- Thanksgivings for the mercies we have received from God—especially for the powerful influences of divine grace to sanctify and preserve us, to prevent our falling into sin, and to strengthen us in doing our duty.
- *We have been continually with You; You have taken hold of our right hand, when our feet came close to stumbling, and our steps had almost slipped.*
(from Psalm 73:2, 23)

- **7:20 p.m. Prayers of Intercession**

- Prayer of supplication to God for others—especially for all the universities, schools, and nurseries of learning.
- *Throw salt into these fountains and purify its waters, so that from them may issue streams which will make glad the city of our God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High.*
(from 2Kings 2:21; Psalm 46:4)

Congregational Prayer Requests (new/updates in bold)

- Lord's Day worship/study, Daily worship/discipleship/evangelism in homes and community
- Pray with the Reformed sidewalk-counseling group @PP in Nashville for their Wednesday and Friday ministries
- Early Rain Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Christians in Nigeria, and other persecuted churches like them; Pastor Wang Yi in prison.
- R&C H ministering among Muslim refugees in France w/children H&D
- Alan McClelland and his ministry at Ft. Rucker
- **Repentance of the Church and the Nations for general rejection of the Kingship of Christ**
- Comfort and provision for the LeeAnn Billings family as they grieve, especially for new work, as the university just eliminated her position from the department
- Pray for the Jeffers family, whose granddaughter Isabelle (14) and then her mother Norma both attempted suicide; there's a long way to go medically, financially, and especially spiritually for all involved; please keep praying for them and for Sue's ministry to them
- Pray with D&V F for rapid, full recovery
- Pray for Kacey and family, going through difficult trial
- Pray with D&L L for her 85yo mother and her heart issues
- Pray with KC for her acquaintance Linda who doesn't seem to know the Lord, and just lost 21 year old son; and, for sister Diane and her husband Frank, who need a living faith in Christ; and for friend Patty, a believer, that she will continue to do well after treatment for uterine cancer
- Pray with D&A D for Austin's future plans after the recent crisis interrupted baseball and graduation
- Pray with D&M G that her mother would continue healing well and not smoking; for Sean; for Jeremiah and Julianna
- Pray with W&C G for her mother's health and caregivers; and for spiritual (and total) well-being of son Greg
- Pray with J&H H for his father's cancer and recovery from open-heart surgeries; and sweetness in his parents' remaining time together; for his youngest brother
- Pray with H&K H for their health (especially Karen's back, which keeps getting reinjured, and their schedule which it affects) and for many of their loved ones; needing Christian fellowship: her grandmother and father, widow Hope w/4 children, Brown family of 7 (wayward son Nicholas); needing health: her mom, sister Lisa and husband w/high bp, Martina, Donna, Joyce; needing spiritual life: Velvet and Reagan (lost their sister/daughter to a brutal murder), neighbors Shawn, Merlin, & children; other widows: Libby, Naomi (w/daughter Stacia), Stephanie (w/many children, were missionaries); friend Andrea's New Age friends; Charles & Robert to be able to forgive; friends w/family problems: Dave, Lee, Melodie, Cole; spiritual growth and wife for friend Scott; their family's evangelism, recently firefighter Dalton; Riggs to grow mighty in the Lord; Harwell's sleep issues.

- Pray with R&M J for Meredith, young daughter of M's college friend Ashely (and husband Brad), who's taking medicine to shrink her brain tumor
 - Pray with O&A L for her unbelieving mother w/heart condition, and her family's grieving over her brother
 - Pray with CM for friend Michael Duval and his recovery from knee surgery
 - **PRAISE with SM for relief from recent increase in pain and illness**
 - **PRAISE with C&T P for new job**, and pray for the conversion of her brother Todd; **and for her dad and family in the loss of his wife Jolene, and for her interaction with her dad during her time in Kansas**
 - Pray with AR for friend Caleb Figura w/mysterious but debilitating gut illness
 - Pray with D&K R for their family's growth in godliness, especially dying to self, godly speech, and Lord's Day keeping; for Micah, Rachel, and baby girl due in July; and for local pastor/constable Darryl Thrasher, who has an aggressive, malignant brain tumor
 - Pray with GR for friend Abby to come to faith in Christ
 - Pray with JeR for believing friend Jeanette Cary's CHF, Fibromyalgia, & slow-healing wound
 - Pray with J&M R for baby Bentley, and their family's adjustment and future with him
 - Pray with J&S R for her nephew, who needs life in Christ; and for her and her family in the loss of her father, especially spiritual impact on her sisters and nephews; and for her sister Rebecca's pregnancy; and for his whole family, and especially his mother, as they grieve the passing away of his father; **PRAISE for her sister Rebecca's safe and healthy giving birth to baby girl**
 - Pray with S&V Y for his parents and siblings as they deal with his father's declining health and his mother's dementia
 - **Please pray with Prosperity ARP in Taft, TN, throughout the month of June**
 - Please pray for the TN-AL Presbytery to be enabled to plant a faithful church with the resources available and earmarked for that purpose
 - Please pray for all ARP presbyteries, churches, and agencies
 - Please pray for our nation, state, community and all the officials thereof
- **7:50 p.m. Concluding Prayer**
 - Concluding prayer in a manner that seeks to have the spirit of prayer continue, even though we must leave off our time of prayer—especially summing up our requests in some comprehensive petitions, as the conclusion of the whole matter.
 - *And now, Lord, what do we wait for? Truly our hope is in You; Psalm 39:7(NASB) and on You do we depend to be to us God Almighty, a God all-sufficient.*
(from Psalm 39:7; Genesis 17:1)

¹O clap your hands, all peo - ples shout! Let joy - ful
³He brought the na - tions 'neath our feet, sub - dued the
⁵God has gone up with shouts of joy, the LORD a -
⁷God is the King of all the earth; sing psalms of
⁹Lead - ers of na - tions gath - er round to serve as
 cries to God ring out! ²The LORD Most High is
 peo - ples un - der us. ⁴He chose for us our
 • mid the trum - pet sound. ⁶Sing praise, sing praise to
 praise to him a - lone. ⁸God rules the na - tions
 sons of A - brah'm's God. To him be - long the
 great - ly feared, great King who rules the earth through - out!
 her - i - tage, the pride of Ja - cob whom he loves.
 • God Most High; to God our King let praise a - bound.
 from on high; he sits up - on his ho - ly throne.
 shields of earth; ex - alt - ed great - ly is the LORD!

Prayer selections rotate serially within each category, guided by Matthew Henry's excellent little volume, *A Method for Prayer* (taking Scripture itself, and its direction and emphases, as the pattern and basis for our prayers)

ARP Confession 21.3—Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of his Spirit, according to his will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.