

Prayer focus: praying for those who spitefully use us and persecute us

This evening we consider our Lord's command to love our enemies by praying for those who persecute and spite us (Matthew 5:44). As opposition to the faith is rising, we must take time to prepare our hearts, making sure we commit judgment to the Lord (Romans 12:19) and continually pray for Him to forgive our enemies (Luke 23:34, Acts 7:60).

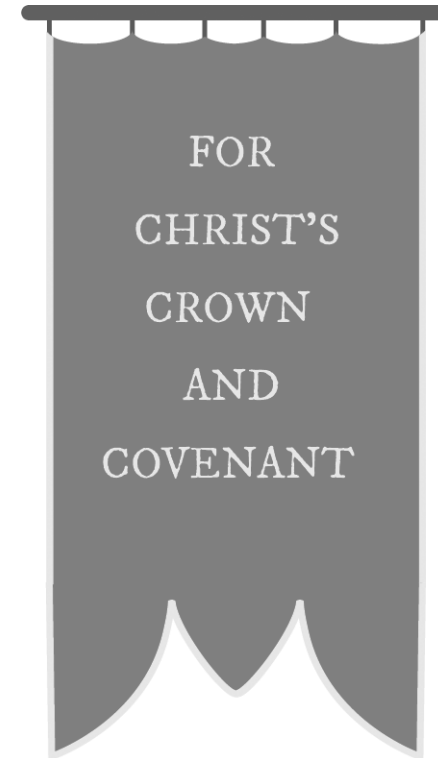
Pray...

- That the Lord would help us love our neighbors (James 2:8) in McKinney and help us present Jesus Christ to them and serve them well.
- For Churches in the nation who have been ordered to stop services, especially in California (Exodus 7:16).
- For magistrates hostile to the church, that the Lord would open their eyes and forgive them (Acts 7:60).
- For loved ones who have turned against Christ, that the Lord would forgive them (Luke 23:34).
- That when we are reviled, we would bless in turn (Matthew 5:44, 1 Cor. 4:12).
- For the Lord to heal the nation's deep divisions through a revival of faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:28).
- For protection for the magistrates and police who are trying to keep order against growing lawlessness (Romans 13:4-5), and that justice would prevail in those areas where there are injustices in our nation (Psalm 33:5).
- For protection from the coronavirus (Psalm 91:3), and that it would abate.
- For a competent portion of those things we need in this life (Matthew 6:11), including food, work, and covering.
- Pray that the Lord would preserve our congregation's lampstand (Rev 2:5) and witness to McKinney, especially in our transition.
- Pray for our families, that the Lord would preserve our families and call all the covenant children to Himself (Acts 2:38), not depart from the way in which they should go (Proverbs 22:6), and provide godly spouses for them.
- Pray for our congregation, that we would walk as befitting the sons and daughters of light (Ephesians 5:8), that the world would perceive us as His children and give glory to God.
- Pray for the church as she is persecuted and that she would have a godly witness (Matthew 5:10). Pray that the church in our nation would not be persecuted so we could live godly lives (1 Timothy 2:2).
- Pray for the increase of Christ's Kingdom over the earth (Matthew 6:10).
- Thanking Christ for His great care for us (Luke 22:40, 45) and for fulfilling all righteousness (Matthew 3:15) on our behalf.

Please continue to pray over these things through the week as a guide for your own personal and family prayers.

DALLAS REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the
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Meeting at: 1008 West Erwin Avenue, McKinney, TX 75069



Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the LORD, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 100

Prayer Meeting
Dallas Reformed Presbyterian Church

July 14, 2020

Love your enemies by praying for them

Notes:

Call to worship		Psalm 100:1-5
* Prayer		
* Psalm		(S) Psalm 100 <i>Tune of Old 100th</i>
Scripture Reading		Leviticus 19:9-18
Prayer		
Sermon	“Pray for your enemies”	Matthew 5:43-48
* Prayer of application		Elder Prakashpalan
* Prayer		Elder Silva
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* Psalm		(S) Psalm 35:11-18 <i>Tune of Martyrdom</i>
* Benediction		Pastor Koller

Larger Catechism Q. 183 *For whom are we to pray for?*

A. We are to pray for the whole church of Christ upon earth; for magistrates, and ministers; for ourselves, our brethren, **yea, our enemies**; and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those that are known to have sinned the sin unto death.

I. The command's authority

II. The command's purpose

III. The command's example