## Devotional for Each Day of the Week

**Sunday:** "You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth."—Psalm 119:151. **Praise the Lord** that He is near and that we can rely on His commands. **Pray** for Christian Witness to Israel as it over this next week will be engaging in its summer outreach in Paris.

**Monday:** "Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law."—Psalm 119:153. **Pray** that God would hear your cry for help, and deliver you. **Pray** for safety for Pastor and Mrs. Smith, as they fly this evening to Florida and return on Thursday night. **Pray** for those who struggle with illness, including Elder Bob Shapiro. **Pray** for the Hetherton (Mich.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by Ray Morton; **pray** that many folks would join the congregation.

<u>Tuesday</u>: "Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me according to Your word."—Psalm 119:154. **Pray** that God would bring revival to your soul. **Pray** for the Reformed Presbyterian fellowship in Nantes, France; **pray especially** for those wives whose unconverted husbands make life difficult for them. **Pray** that Milwaukee (Wisc.) Reformed Christian Ministries would soon find a suitable place in order to start worship.

**Wednesday:** "Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes."—Psalm 119:155. **Pray** that you would not be a wicked one, but that you would seek to follow God's law. **Pray** for the Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, that it would grow and prosper; **pray** for ministerial intern Zach Dotson.

<u>Thursday</u>: "Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; revive me according to Your judgments."—Psalm 119:156. **Praise God** that He is tender and merciful. **Pray** for the Stornoway Reformed Presbyterian Church in Scotland, as it seeks to reach unbelievers with the gospel.

**Friday:** "Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn from Your testimonies."—Psalm 119:157. **Pray** that God would keep you safe so that you can keep His law. **Pray** for Elkhart (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, pastored by Wade Mann.

<u>Saturday</u>: "I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, because they do not keep Your word."—Psalm 119:158. **Pray** that our society would repent of its rebellion against God. **Pray** that many unbelievers would come to worship tomorrow and that they would be given the grace to turn from their wicked ways unto Christ.

## Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

The Lord's Day August 5, 2018

Meeting every week at
472-B Paines Avenue NW
Atlanta, Georgia
Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM
Sunday School at 4:45 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship John 14:27

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 65A "Praise Waits for Thee in Zion!"

Scripture Reading (p. 563) Matthew 18:10-20

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 122B "I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying"

Scripture Text (p. 625) John 20:19-23

The Sermon "A Peace-Filled Commissioning"

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 48B "In Our God's City We Have Seen"

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 134B "Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord"

\* Congregation will please stand.

<u>We are so glad that you could join us today!</u> This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

## **Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers**

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."—Ephesians 6:10.

"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king."—I Peter 2:17.

Q. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the outward benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer, all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

John 20:19-23 "A Peace-filled Commissioning"

Theme: The risen Jesus grants peace to and commissions His disciples.

I. The Resurrected Lord Appears

A. the time of His appearing

B. the circumstances of His appearing

II. The Resurrected Lord Pronounces Peace

A. the pronouncements themselves

B. the basis for the pronouncements: Jesus' body and resurrection

C. the effect of the pronouncements

II. The Resurrected Lord Commissions His Disciples

A. divine sending

B. divine power

C. divine pronouncement

## **Application**

- A. be aware of the key role of love
  - 1. the love of Christ for His people
  - 2. our love for the risen Christ
  - 3. our love for His people
- B. affirm the truth
  - 1. objective standard
  - 2. facts, not feeling
- C. be comforted by Jesus' peace
  - 1. re our being commissioned and the facing of persecution
  - 2. re our having to exercise discipline
    - a. Jesus promises to be with us
    - b. when the Adversary reminds us of our own sins, Jesus shows us His wounds and says, "Peace"