

## Devotional for Each Day of the Week

**Sunday:** “They shall fall by the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals.”—Psalm 63:10.

**Praise God** that His enemies who may now to you seem so powerful, will be devoured by their own weapons, and become food for scavengers! **Pray** for Tyndale International University, a Korean-language school in Los Angeles, California; **pray** for safety for Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Dr. Peter Yim, as they travel on behalf of TIU to a meeting in Alabama.

**Monday:** “Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.”—Titus 3:13.

**Pray** that you and your congregation would use the talents God has worked in you whenever there is need. **Pray** for the Southfield (Mich.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, Pastor Adam Kuehner, and its elders, as the congregation seeks to reach out to the area and to the city of Pontiac.

**Tuesday:** “And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.”—Titus 3:14.

**Pray** that you would bear the fruit of your good works in Him.

**Wednesday:** “Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother, to Philemon our beloved *friend* and fellow laborer.”—Philemon 1.

**Pray** for believers in prison because of their testimony for Christ, and that you would remember to love all your fellow laborers in Christ.

**Thursday:** “to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:”—Philemon 2.

**Pray** for the Church, which is the people of God and not the building in which they meet. **Pray** for the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Fellowship, Mason, Ohio, and especially the pastor, Dr. Dick Knodel, who has recently suffered physical ailments.

**Friday:** “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”—Philemon 3.

**Pray** that you and your congregation would seek God before all, as He is the source of grace and peace. **Pray** for the Southside Reformed Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, especially as Rev. David Hanson begins his ministry there as senior pastor.

**Saturday:** “I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers.”—Philemon 4.

**Pray** that God would stir your spirit to remember certain people and issues always in your prayers, that He would be glorified. **Pray** also for your pastor, that he would be encouraged in the faith, prepare a faithful message for tomorrow, and preach it with power and love.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord's Day*  
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Meeting every week at  
472-B Paines Avenue NW  
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Sunday School at 4:45 PM  
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Jude 1-2

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 106A “O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading (p. 597)

Luke 10:25-37

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 136A [stanzas 1-8] “O Thank the Lord, For Good Is He”

Scripture Text (p. 553)

Matthew 5:1-12

The Sermon

“The Merciful”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 136A [stanzas 9-13] “To Him Who Great Kings Overthrew”

\*Benediction

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

**We are so glad that you could join us today!** 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**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”—*I John 1:9*.

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”—*Colossians 4:2*.

**Q. 4 What is God?**

**A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.**

**Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?**

**A. There is but one only, the living and true God.**

**Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

**A. There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.**

Matthew 5:7 “The Merciful”

Theme: Jesus pronounces blessing on the merciful.

I. Those who are merciful

A. what does it mean to be merciful?

1. being compassionate
2. flowing out of a heartfelt attitude of mercy

B. Biblical texts which teach the showing of mercy

1. Matthew 18:23-25
2. Matthew 25:31-46
3. Luke 10:25-37
4. Colossians 3:12
5. James 2:15-16
6. I John 3:16-18

C. what are the ways in which we can show mercy?

1. meeting physical needs to those who are in poverty
2. sympathizing with those who are in misery
3. comforting those who are in sorrow
4. weeping with those who weep
5. having compassion on those who are bound by sin

II. The Blessing: they shall obtain mercy

A. often, the merciful will find mercy with men

B. the merciful will find mercy with God

Observation—only Christians can be truly merciful as Jesus is speaking of it

Application

A. cultivate the kindness of being merciful

B. do so with a dependence upon God’s mercy