

Praying the Ten Commandments: A Guide for our Corporate Prayer, Part I

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And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." (Exodus 20:1-2)

- Let us give thanks to our God who saved us through His Son, Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:3-14)
- Let us give thanks for God's saving us from slavery to sin.
 - We are saved from the power of sin (Romans 6:1-14)
 - We are saved from the guilt of sin (Romans 8:1-4)
- Let us ask that God, by His Spirit, would teach us and strengthen us to live in the freedom He purchased for us, putting to death what is earthly in us, and clothing ourselves as God's people. (Colossians 3:1-17)

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)

- Let us pray that our allegiance would be wholly and exclusively to God. (Psalm 86:8-13)
- Let us pray that we would depend solely upon God, trusting Him and looking to Him for everything in life, and that we would not be drawn away from that trust by anything else. (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Let us ask the Lord to help us to show those who don't know Him that their gods cannot save them, and to help us share the good news of Jesus with them. (Acts 17:16-34)

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:4-6)

- Let us pray that we would be free from the common idols of our age (for example: money, sex, power, leisure, etc.). (I John 2:15-17)
- Let us thank the Lord that He is jealous for us out of love for us, and ask that as He trains us by disciplining us, we would receive it gratefully. (Hebrews 12:3-11)
- Let us give thanks that our God is a just God who punishes sin, but also a gracious God who forgives sin and manifests His love to us in Jesus Christ. (II Peter 3:8-13)

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain." (Exodus 20:7)

- Let us thank God for the highest privilege of being called His children, as we have been adopted in His family through Jesus Christ. (Galatians 4:1-7)
- Let us pray that as we bear the name of Jesus, we would carry it faithfully, seeking to live holy lives. (Colossians 1:9-14)
- Let us pray that we would do everything we do to give all the glory to God. (I Corinthians 10:31)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20:8-11)

- Let us thank the Lord for the rest we have in Jesus, and the hope we have of ultimate rest in Him. (Matthew 11:25-30; Hebrews 4:1-11)
- Let us pray that we would set apart as holy the Lord’s Day in our weekly schedule, and particularly prioritize gathering with the Lord’s people to worship the Lord on that day. (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- Let us pray for the various ministries of the church, and for our ministry to one another as a church, that we all might be being built up into Jesus Christ in love. (Ephesians 4:11-16)