



BRIARCLIFF CHURCH

RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH THE LORD

Robert Robinson was converted under the mighty preaching of George Whitefield, but later he drifted from the Lord. He had been greatly used as a pastor but the neglect of spiritual things led him astray. In an attempt to find peace, he began to travel. During one of his journeys, he met a young woman who was evidently very spiritually minded. "What do you think of this hymn I have been reading?" she asked Robinson, handing him the book. It was his own hymn, "Come Thou Fount." He tried to avoid her question but it was hopeless, for the Lord was speaking to him. Finally, he broke down and confessed who he was and how he had been living away from the Lord.

Most of us can identify with the tag line of the song.

"Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above."

Joshua had seen the people of Israel wander numerous times. Now as they entered the Promised Land, he knew they would again be prone to wander. So he challenged the people to renew their covenant with the Lord.

We have been living under the cloud of Covid-19 for a year and many have wandered into being spiritually lethargic. This prayer guide is designed to help us pray through chapter 24 and renew our covenant with the Lord and actually become better than before.

What do you need to renew in your relationship with the Lord and his Body, the church? Have you wandered away into being spiritually lethargic in any way? Reflect the following verses and make your prayer of renewing your covenant with the Lord.

SUNDAY

Renew your gratitude for what God has done

Joshua 24:13 I gave you land you had not worked on, and I gave you towns you did not build—the towns where you are now living. I gave you vineyards and olive groves for food, though you did not plant them.

- Thank you Lord for all those who have gone before me and provide so much for my life today
 - Protect me from taking for granted all that I have and did not earn
 - Here is my thanksgiving list:
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MONDAY

Renew your promise to serve the Lord

Joshua 24:14^a Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.

- Thank you, Lord, for the abilities and gifts you have given me to serve you and the church
 - Renew my heart in serving you in our church
 - Lord guide and strengthen me to serve you sincerely and faithfully
 - Here is how I have served, now serving or consider serving you in our church:
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TUESDAY

Renew your total allegiance to God

Joshua 24:14^b Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD.

- Lord, show me any gods that become central in my life and make me place you to the side
 - I acknowledge that I cannot “serve two masters;” so help me guard against other good things that can replace my allegiance of you as my Master
 - Here are things I need to guard against:
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WEDNESDAY

Constantly renew your choice to follow God

Joshua 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

- Today, I renew my choice to follow you fully
 - Protect me from wandering away from full allegiance to you
 - Here is how I will serve you today
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THURSDAY

Renew your vow to God

Joshua 24:19 But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

- Lord, I acknowledge I cannot worship you if I have other gods in my life or forgive my sins until I let go of other gods
 - Open my eyes to other gods in my life and grant me grace to totally change
 - Here are things that tend to move you out of first place in my life
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FRIDAY

Renew your heart for God

Joshua 24:23 He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

- Lord, let my heart (all that I am) be inclined (yielded) to you
 - Help me to be honest about the things I need to “put away”
 - Here are some of the things I need and will “put away”
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SATURDAY

Renew your obedience to God

Joshua 24:24 And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.”

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve others you have placed in my life
 - Give me ears to hear your voice in directing me on opportunities to serve
 - I will obey you in these ways you have given me to serve:
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