

**Guide to Prayer for the 2017 Meeting of General Synod**  
**For both Public and Private Prayers**

**Call to Prayer - Psalm 145:17-18** *(Read by Pastor or Elder)*

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

*(Sing an appropriate hymn or psalm, if possible)*

**Prayer of Adoration** - *(Lead by Leader)*

**Corporate Prayer of Confession** - *(In Unison)*

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen. or another prayer of confession / a working through the Ten Commandments-

**Assurance of Pardon** *(Read by Leader)*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

(Romans 8:1-4 ESV)

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** (Season of Prayer: opened and closed by leader)

- Thanks for Synod 2016
- Thanks for Ministry of the ARP Church
- Thanks for the Conversions and Professions
- Thanks for our long history
- Thanks for the various blessings of God at local churches or presbyteries
- Thanks for the opportunity of meeting with the RPCNA.

**Prayers for the Officers of the Synod** *(lead by a single minister)*

- Outgoing Moderator, Phil Williams
- Incoming Moderator, Lee Shelnett

Moderator's theme

***Zechariah 4*** - *Amidst disappointment with the seemingly small advances in Kingdom work, God is at work - don't despise the day of small things.*

- Prayer for the Vice-moderator, various Clerks and Parliamentarian of Synod
- The Staff at Central Services

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**Prayer for the Boards of the ARP Church**

*(At a Prayer meeting it is good to assign each to a person familiar with the work and needs of each board)*

- Benefits
- Bonclarken
- CEM
- Dunlap
- Erskine College and Seminary
- Executive Board
- ONA
- Stewardship
- World Witness

**Prayer for the Committees and Commissions of the ARP Church**

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- Campus Ministry at Erskine
- Ecclesiastical Commission on Judicial Affairs
- Inter-Church
- Investment
- Minister and His Work
- Nominations
- Worship
- Theological and Social Concerns
- Memorials

**Prayer for the Special Committees and Organizations of the ARP Church**

*(At a Prayer meeting it is good to assign each to a person familiar with the work and needs of each committee or organization)*

- Revise the Book of Discipline
- Women's Ministries
- Review Amendments to New FOG

**Prayer for the meeting of Synod**

*(At a Prayer Meeting it is good to break up into groups of three and four to prayer for these needs and others)*

- Peace of the church
- Purity of the church
- Prosperity of the church
- Unity of the church
- Work of the church
- Moderator's Theme and Request -

*(Sing a Closing Hymn or Psalm)*

**Closing Prayer / Benediction**