

COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
 others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
 others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
 except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be
 a servant of Christ.
Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**Let me be your servant, under your command.
I will no longer be my own.
I will give up myself to your will in all things.**

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**Lord, make me what you will.
I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing,
 put me to suffering, let me be employed for you,
 or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty,
 let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure
 and disposal.**

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.
Christ will have no servants except by consent;
Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all
 that he requires.
Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant. To make this covenant a reality
 in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone
before the Lord; in seeking earnestly God's special
assistance and gracious acceptance of you; in carefully
thinking through all the conditions of the covenant; in
searching your hearts whether you have already freely given
your life to Christ.

Consider what your sins are.

Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual
they are, and whether you, after having carefully considered
them, are willing to choose them all.

Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not
lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving
grace and strength, so you can keep your promise.

Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.

You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened
your mouths to the Lord, and you have dedicated yourself to
God.

With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.

Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven,
open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

**O righteous God, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, see
me as I fall down before you.
Forgive my unfaithfulness in not having done your will, for
you have promised mercy to me if I turn to you with my
whole heart.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

**I here from the bottom of my heart renounce them all,
covenanting with you that no known sin shall be allowed
in my life.**

**Against your will, I have turned my love toward the world.
In your power I will watch all temptations that will lead me
away from you.**

**For my own righteousness is riddled with sin, unable to stand
before you.**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would
let him.

**Before all heaven and earth, I here acknowledge you as my
Lord and God.**

**I take you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for my portion, and
vow to give up myself, body and soul, as your servant,
to serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days
of my life.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means
of coming to God.

**Jesus, I do here on bended knees accept Christ as the only
new and living Way, and sincerely join myself in a
covenant with him.**

**O blessed Jesus, I come to you, hungry, sinful, miserable,
blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of your
servants.**

**I do here, with all my power, accept you as my Lord and Head.
I renounce my own worthiness, and vow that you are the
Lord, my righteousness.**

**I renounce my own wisdom, and take you for my only guide.
I renounce my own will, and take your will as my law.**

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

**I do here covenant with you, O Christ, to take my lot with you
as it may fall.**

**Through your grace I promise that neither life nor death shall
part me from you.**

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

**I do here willingly put my neck under your yoke, to carry your
burden.**

All your laws are holy, just, and good.

**I therefore take them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and
actions, promising that I will strive to order my whole life acc**

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

**O God, you know that I make this covenant with you today
without guile or reservation.**

**If any falsehood should be in it, guide me and help me to set it
aright.**

**And now, glory be to you, O God the Father,
whom I from this day forward shall look upon as my God
and Father.**

**Glory be to you, O God the Son,
who have loved me and washed me from my sins in your
own blood, and now is my Savior and Redeemer.**

**Glory be to you, O God the Holy Spirit,
who by your almighty power have turned my heart from sin
to God.**

**O mighty God, the Lord Omnipotent, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend.**

**And I, through your infinite grace, have become your covenant
servant.**

So be it.

**And let the covenant I have made on earth be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**

You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in
word; not only in word, but in writing.

Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service before the Lord as your
act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it.

Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and
you that you may remember it during doubts and temptations.