

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

1755

John Wesley used this Covenant Prayer[†] in the midst of the Great Awakening as a means for believers to reaffirm their baptismal vows. It is used by All Souls Clubhouse church of London and a number of other Protestant congregations around the world.

At All Souls Clubhouse, the prayer is printed weekly in the notices for one month prior to the Annual Meeting. The Vicar encourages members to study it seriously so that on the appointed day, it can be recited from the heart with integrity.

On Monday 11 September 1755, John Wesley held the first Covenant Service. He wrote in his journal: "I explained once more the nature of such an engagement, and the manner of doing it acceptably to God. At six in the evening, we met for that purpose at the French church at Spitalfields. After I had recited the tenor of the covenant proposed... all the people stood up in testimony of assent... about eighteen hundred persons. Such a night I scarce ever saw before. Surely the fruit of it shall remain for ever."

LORD, I am no longer my own, but Yours.

***Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.***

***Let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You,
exalted for You, or brought low for You.***

***Let me be full, or let me be empty.
Let me have all things, or let me have nothing.***

***I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to Your pleasure and disposal.***

***And now, Blessed and Glorious God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
You are mine and I am yours.***

So be it.

***And this commitment now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.***

Amen

[†] Wesley attributed the authorship of this poem to Puritan minister and author Richard Alliene (1611-1681).