

Men of the most approved character for wisdom and goodness should be called to officiate at these meetings, and they should never be asked to do so without having time to prepare themselves for the very important duty in which the church would have them to engage. We would not certainly recommend such men to compose prayers for the meetings referred to, and so commit them to memory that they might hope to be able when required to repeat them accurately. Such prayers in too many cases are but lip prayers which could not suit either the men or object of which we speak. The preparation needed, and which we would press upon your attention as a thing which, if not indispensable, is most desirable, is, that the men who are to take the lead in these prayer meetings should, for a considerable time before they are called to officiate, seriously and prayerfully ponder over the object to be brought before the throne of grace, till their hearts become deeply affected by its importance, and they are made to feel that their whole soul is ready to go out in most earnest desires to obtain it.

The Lord bless His own word, and to His name in Christ be all honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever, Amen.

