

# Reformation Sunday

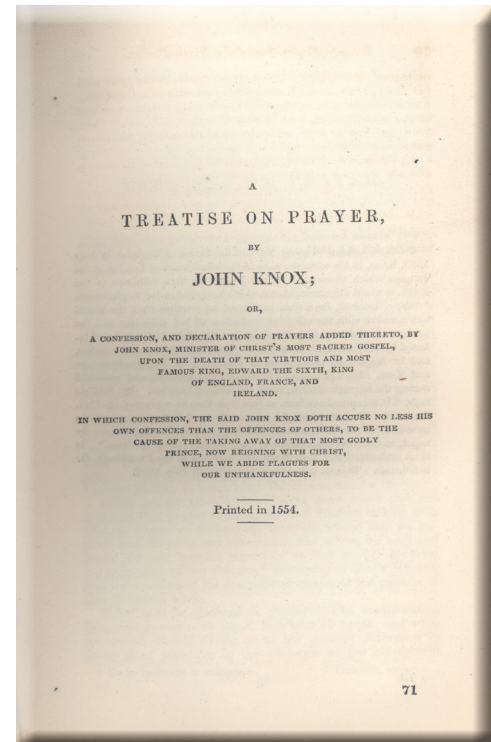
“O Give Thanks to the Lord...”  
(Psalm 107:1)



John Knox (c. 1514-1572) was an important figure in the ecclesiastical and political events of his time. A leader in the Reforming party of his native Scotland, Knox is regarded by many as the founder of Presbyterianism. Knox was a powerful preacher and a prolific writer. His best known works are the *Scots Confession* (1560), the *Book of Common Order* (“Knox’s Liturgy,” 1564), and *The History of the Reformation of Religion within the Realms of Scotland*.

In his 1554, *A Treatise on Prayer*, Knox wrote, “**What Prayer Is** – Who will pray must know and understand that prayer is an earnest and familiar talking with God, to whom we declare our miseries, whose help we implore and desire in our adversities, and whom we laud and praise for our benefits received: so that prayer contains the exposition of our dolours, the desire of God’s defence, and the praising of his magnificent name, as the psalms of David clearly teach.”

*Scripture:* “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1).



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