

Collects

Here at Cornerstone Church Grays we recognise there is much which is valuable in our Anglican heritage and want to make use of the best of this heritage in our own life together. Collects are set prayers that Anglicans have prayed throughout the centuries and often pray together on a particular Sunday.

We do this because:

- There is an encouragement in praying alongside with thousands upon thousands of other Christians around the globe.
- Collects have been thought through and are useful models of how we can pray.
- Collects pray about a wide range of areas and as a result using collects encourages us to pray for a broad range of subjects.

As a result, an individual leading intercessions in a service **may choose** to include a Collect from the Book of Common Prayer which are listed in this document.

This document details when a collect should be used and the actual collect. Look for the correct year, month and date.

The collects in the Book of Common Prayer were sourced here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/book-common-prayer/collects-epistles-and-gospels-0>

If you have any questions please contact one of the elders at Cornerstone.

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January

7 th	14 th
O LORD, we ask you mercifully to receive the prayers of your people which call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who does govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
21 st	28 th
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	O LORD, we ask you favourably to hear the prayers of your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

February

4 th	11 th
O LORD God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..	O LORD, who has taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen
18 th	25 th
O LORD, who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.	ALMIGHTY God, who sees that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



March

3rd	10th
We ask you, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	GRANT, we ask you, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
17th	24th
WE ask you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of your tender love towards mankind, has sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
	31st
	ALMIGHTY God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly ask you, that as by your special grace preventing us that you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Extra Easter Prayers

Good Friday
ALMIGHTY God, we ask you graciously to behold this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

April

7th	14th
ALMIGHTY Father, who has given your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	ALMIGHTY God, who has given your only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
21st	28th
ALMIGHTY God, who showed to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.	O ALMIGHTY God, who alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto your people, that they may love the thing which you command, and desire that which you do promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



May

5 th	12 th
<p>O LORD, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>	<p>O GOD the King of glory, who has exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto your kingdom in heaven: We ask you, leave us not comfortless; but send to us your Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.</p>
19 th	26 th
<p>GOD, who as at this time did teach the hearts of your faithful people, by the sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.</p>	<p>ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We ask you, that you would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.</p>

June

2 nd	9 th
<p>O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>O LORD, who never fails to help and govern them who you do bring up in your steadfast fear and love: Keep us, we ask you, under the protection of your good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
16 th	23 rd
<p>O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.</p>
30th	
<p>GRANT, O Lord, we ask you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	



July

7th	14th
O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love you such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
21st	28th
O GOD, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly ask you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	GRANT to us, Lord, we ask you, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

August

4th	11th
LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	O GOD, who declares your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
18th	25th
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who is always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and will give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.	ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it comes that your faithful people do unto you true and laudable service: Grant, we ask you, that we may so faithfully serve you in this life, that we fail not finally to attain your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

September

1st	8th
ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which you do promise, make us to love that which you do command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	KEEP, we ask you, O Lord, your Church with your perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without you cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
15th	22nd
O LORD, we ask you, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your succour, preserve it evermore by your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	LORD, we pray that your grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
	29th
	LORD, we ask you, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



October

6 th	13 th
O GOD, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us, we ask you, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that you would have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
20 th	27 th
GRANT, we ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	LORD, we ask you to keep your household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

November

3 rd	10 th
O GOD, our refuge and strength, who is the author of all godliness: Be ready, we ask you, to hear the devout prayers of your Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	O LORD, we ask you, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.
17 th	24 th
STIR up, we ask you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



December

1st	8th
<p>ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
15th	22nd
<p>O LORD Jesus Christ, who at your first coming did send your messenger to prepare thy way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.</p>	<p>O LORD, raise up your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.</p>
	29th
	<p>ALMIGHTY God, who has given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.</p>



