

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

5 th	12 th
ALMIGHTY God, who made your blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey your blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	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.
19 th	26 th
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.	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.

February

2 nd	9 th
O GOD, who knows us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	O LORD, we ask you to keep thy Church and household continually in your true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of your heavenly grace may evermore be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
16 th	23 rd
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.	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..



March

2nd	9th
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	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.
16th	23rd
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.	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.
	30th
	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.

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

6th	13th
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.
20th	27th
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.	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.



May

4th	11th
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
18th	25th
<p>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.</p>	<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>

June

1st	8th
<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>	<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>
15th	22nd
<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>	<p>O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
	29th
	<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>



July

6th	13th
3 rd Sunday after Trinity	
20th	27th

August

3rd	10th
17th	24th
	31st

September

7th	14th
21st	28th

October

5th	12th
19th	26th

November

2nd	9th
16th	23rd
	30th

December

7th	14th
21st	28th

