

# Collects

**For Sundays, Holy Days, Saints' Days and  
Special Occasions throughout the Year**

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# Sundays and Holy Days

## Advent

### The First Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:  
that, with you as our protector,  
we may be rescued from our sins;  
and with you as our deliverer,  
we may be set free;  
for you live and reign with God the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### The Second Sunday of Advent

Stir up our hearts, Lord,  
to prepare the way of your only-begotten Son:  
that, in his coming,  
we might serve you with our hearts made pure;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## 2 Sundays and Holy Days

### **The Third Sunday of Advent**

Stir up our prayers, Lord, and hear us:  
that they who are sorrowful and suffering  
may rejoice at the Advent of your only-begotten Son;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Stir up your power, Lord, and come:  
and strengthen us by the might of your love;  
that, although we are hindered by our sins,  
your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us;  
for you live and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Additional Collect for Advent**

*This Collect may be used to conclude the Intercession throughout Advent, or as the Prayer after Communion as an alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the Scottish Liturgy 1982.*

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility:  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## *Christmas*

### **Christmas at Midnight**

*24/25 December*

O God,  
you have made this most holy night  
grow radiant with the brilliance of the true Light:  
grant that, as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth,  
so we may delight in him in heaven;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Christmas in the Early Morning**

*25 December*

This collect is suitable for use at any or all of the celebrations on Christmas Day and is to be used at Morning Prayer. It may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 29, 30 and 31 December.

O God our Father,  
the light of whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
grant that the radiance of that true light,  
which enlightens our minds by faith,  
may shine brightly through our words and deeds;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Christmas during the Day**

*25 December*

*Also for use at Evening Prayer and may be used for other celebrations during the week after Christmas if optional commemorations [6] are not kept on 29, 30 and 31 December.*

O God,  
who wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored  
the dignity of our human nature:  
grant that we may share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The First Sunday after Christmas**

*Sunday between 26 December and 1 January*

O God,  
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance  
of the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our Saviour,  
so we may with confidence  
behold him as he comes to be our Judge;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

*This collect is to be used on the weekdays of 2 to 5 January if 1 January falls on a Sunday.*

O God,  
whose blessed Son, Jesus Christ, was made human,  
that we might become your children:  
grant that we,  
being made partakers of his divine nature,  
may be shaped in his likeness;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

*6 January*

O God,  
who, by the guidance of a star,  
revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations:  
Grant that we, who know you now by faith,  
may at the last be led to see your glory face to face;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 1: The Baptism of the Lord**

*Sunday between 7 and 13 January*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again,  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## *Sundays and Holy Days between Epiphany and Lent*

### **Proper 1**

#### *Weekdays of Proper 1*

O Lord, in your loving kindness,  
hear the prayers of your people as they call upon you:  
that they may discern your will,  
and also be given strength to fulfil it;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Proper 2**

#### *Sunday between 14 and 20 January*

Almighty and eternal God,  
ruler of heaven and earth:  
mercifully hear the prayers of your people,  
and grant your peace to our times;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Proper 3**

*Sunday between 21 and 27 January*

Almighty and eternal God,  
behold us in our weakness:  
and stretch out your hands to protect us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Proper 4**

*Sunday between 28 January and 3 February*

O God,  
through our human frailty,  
we cannot stand firm:  
give us strength and protection,  
that, with your help,  
we may overcome all difficulties;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

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### **Proper 5**

*Sunday between 4 and 10 February*

O Lord,  
watch over your household with constant love:  
that, supported by you alone,  
we may always stand firm in your protection;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Proper 6**

*Sunday between 11 and 17 February (if before Lent)*

Almighty God,  
grant that with our minds set always on your wisdom and love,  
we may pursue both in word and deed  
those things that are pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 7**

*Sunday between 18 and 24 February (if before Lent)*

Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord:  
that we, who are weighed down by our sins,  
may be delivered for the glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 8**

*Sunday between 25 February and 4 March (if before Lent)*

Almighty and eternal God:  
direct our lives according to your gracious will;  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may be strengthened to abound in good works;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## 12 Sundays and Holy Days

### **Proper 9**

*Sunday between 5 and 11 March (if before Lent)*

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers:  
loose us from the chains of our sins;  
and keep us from all adversity;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Sunday before Lent**

*This collect is to be used when the Sunday before Lent is kept as Transfiguration Sunday. Otherwise see the numbered Proper which corresponds most closely to the date of the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.*

Almighty God,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross,  
that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## *Lent*

### **Ash Wednesday**

O Lord,  
grant that your faithful people  
may enter this season of penitence with faithfulness,  
and complete it with steadfast devotion;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Weekdays after Ash Wednesday**

*Either the Collect for Ash Wednesday or this may be used on the weekdays after Ash Wednesday. If the Collect for Ash Wednesday is used, this collect may be used as the Prayer after Communion as an alternative to the Prayers in section 24 of the Scottish Liturgy 1982. This Collect may also be used as the Prayer after Communion throughout Lent until Maundy Thursday.*

Almighty God,  
you hate nothing that you have made,  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:  
create in us a clean and contrite heart;  
that, in lamenting our sinfulness,  
we may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
forgiveness and perfect peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## 14 Sundays and Holy Days

### **The First Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,  
that, as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Second Sunday of Lent**

O God,  
you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves:  
protect us both inwardly and outwardly;  
that our bodies may be guarded from adversity,  
and our minds may be defended from such thoughts  
as assault and harm the soul;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



### **The Third Sunday of Lent**

Merciful Father,  
we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:  
when we are discouraged by our weakness,  
give us strength to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God,  
grant that we, who are weighed down by our sins,  
may be relieved and encouraged by your grace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Fifth Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday The Beginning of Passiontide**

Merciful God,  
look upon your family as we travel to the foot of the cross:  
and, by your great goodness, guide us in body;  
that, by your protection,  
we may also be preserved in heart and mind;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**The Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday  
The Beginning of Holy Week**

*At the Liturgy of the Palms*

Assist us mercifully with your help,  
Lord God of our salvation:  
that we may enter with joy  
into the celebration of those mighty acts  
whereby you give us life and immortality;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*At the Liturgy of the Passion*

Almighty God,  
who, in your tender love for the human race,  
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to take our nature upon him,  
and to suffer death upon the cross,  
giving us the example of his great humility:  
mercifully grant,  
that we may both follow the example of his passion,  
and also, be made partakers of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Monday of Holy Week**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant,  
that we, walking in the way of his cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Tuesday of Holy Week**

O God,  
who, by the passion of your blessed Son,  
made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ,  
that we may gladly suffer pain and loss;  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Wednesday of Holy Week**

O Lord God,  
whose blessed Son, our Saviour,  
gave his back to the smiters,  
and did not hide his face from shame:  
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time,  
and confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Maundy Thursday**

*At Daily Prayer the Collect for Palm Sunday (The Liturgy of the Passion) is used.*

*At the Eucharist in the Evening*

O God our Father,  
as you invite us to share in the supper  
that your Son gave to his Church  
to proclaim his death until he comes:  
inspire us by his service,  
and unite us in his love;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Good Friday**

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family:  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed,  
given up into the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Holy Saturday**

*During the day*

O God,  
creator of heaven and earth:  
as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb,  
and rested on this holy Sabbath;  
so may we await with him  
the coming of the third day,  
and rise with him to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who now lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## *Easter*

### **Easter Vigil**

O God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection:  
stir up in your Church  
that Spirit of adoption given to us in baptism;  
that, being renewed both in body and mind,  
we may worship you in sincerity and truth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Easter Day**

Almighty God,  
who, through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have overcome death and opened the gates of eternal life:  
grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of his resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Easter Week**

O Lord of life and power,  
who, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
have overcome the old order of sin and death,  
and have made all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin,  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God:  
in your great goodness,  
grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries,  
may hold them fast in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Third Sunday of Easter**

O God,  
who, in the death and resurrection of your Son,  
have raised up this fallen world:  
may we and all your people,  
whom you have saved from the gates of everlasting death,  
rejoice in your eternal presence;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

O God,  
the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray,  
that they may return to the path of righteousness:  
give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians,  
that they may cast out what is harmful,  
and pursue all that gives life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

O God,  
who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people:  
give us grace to love the things you command,  
and to desire the things you promise;  
that, amid the uncertain changes of this world,  
our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

O God, from whom all good things arise:  
grant such grace to those who call on you,  
that, by your inspiration,  
we may ponder those things that are right,  
and, by your guidance, do them;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Ascension of the Lord**

*Thursday next after the Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God:  
grant that we, who believe that your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended to the heavens,  
may already dwell in spirit with him there;  
for he lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer:  
that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ  
to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;  
so also we may know his presence with us now,  
and to the end of time;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Day of Pentecost**

O God, who on the day of Pentecost  
enlightened the hearts of your people  
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:  
give us wisdom and understanding,  
and lead us into all truth,  
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit  
and the bond of peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## *Sundays and Holy Days after Pentecost*

### **Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
you have given us grace in the profession of true faith  
to recognise the glory of the eternal Trinity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith  
and bring us to see you in your perfect and eternal unity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **Thanksgiving for Holy Communion**

*For use on the Thursday next after Trinity Sunday (Corpus Christi), and at other appropriate times.*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in a wonderful Sacrament  
have left to us a memorial of your passion:  
grant us, we pray,  
so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,  
that we may ever perceive within ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption;  
who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 6**

*Weekdays between 9 and 14 May (if after Pentecost)*

Almighty God,  
grant that, with our minds set always on your wisdom and love,  
we may pursue both in word and deed  
those things that are pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 7**

*Sunday between 15 and 21 May (if after Pentecost)*

Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord:  
that we, who are weighed down by our sins,  
may be delivered for the glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 8**

*Sunday between 22 and 28 May (if after Pentecost)*

Almighty and eternal God:  
direct our lives according to your gracious will;  
that, in the name of your beloved Son,  
we may be strengthened to abound in good works;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 9**

*Sunday between 29 May and 4 June (if after Pentecost)*

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers:  
loose us from the chains of our sins;  
and keep us from all adversity;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 10**

*Sunday between 5 and 11 June (if after Pentecost)*

O God, our hope and strength,  
the source and end of all our prayers:  
because our mortal nature is weak  
we can do nothing good without your help;  
support us with your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments,  
we may ever remain in your love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 11**

*Sunday between 12 and 18 June (if after Pentecost)*

O Lord,  
you always guide your people  
whom you build up on the foundation of your love:  
make us ever stand in awe of your Holy Name,  
and love you in equal measure;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 12**

*Sunday between 19 and 25 June*

O Lord,  
in your mercy hear our prayers:  
and as you give us the desire to pray,  
grant us your help and protection;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 13**

*Sunday between 26 June and 2 July*

O God,  
the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing can be whole  
and nothing can be holy:  
increase your mercy towards us,  
that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so enjoy the good things of time,  
as not to lose the things of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



## **Proper 14**

*Sunday between 3 and 9 July*

O Lord,  
let the world be ordered in peace,  
according to your will:  
that your people may be free to worship you with joy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 15**

*Sunday between 10 and 16 July*

O God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
good things no eye has seen:  
pour into our hearts such love of you,  
that, by loving you in all things and above all things,  
we may be worthy of your promises,  
which surpass all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 16**

*Sunday between 17 and 23 July*

O God of power and might,  
all good things belong to you:  
sow in our hearts the love of your name,  
and make us grow in the life of faith;  
nurture the things that are good,  
and tend them with your loving care;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 17**

*Sunday between 24 and 30 July*

O God,  
whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth:  
keep from us everything harmful,  
and lead us to all that is good;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 18**

*Sunday between 31 July and 6 August*

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit  
to think on those things that are right,  
and always to be ready to do them:  
that we, who without you cannot be alive,  
may have the strength to live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 19**

*Sunday between 7 and 13 August*

Open your merciful ears, O Lord,  
to the prayers of your humble servants:  
and, that you would graciously grant what we ask,  
make us desire what is pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 20**

*Sunday between 14 and 20 August*

O God, you make known your almighty power  
in your merciful compassion:  
increase your mercy towards us;  
that we, being eager for your promises,  
may inherit the treasures of heaven;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 21**

*Sunday between 21 and 27 August*

Almighty and eternal God,  
by your generous love  
you grant to those who pray  
more than is desired or deserved:  
pour down your mercy upon us,  
forgiving what our conscience fears,  
and granting what we dare not ask;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 22**

*Sunday between 28 August and 3 September*

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose grace alone  
your faithful people offer you service and praise:  
grant that we may hasten without stumbling  
towards the things that you promise;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end.

## **Proper 23**

*Sunday between 4 and 10 September*

Almighty and eternal God,  
make us grow in faith, hope and charity:  
and that we may be worthy of your promises,  
cause us to love what you command;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 24**

*Sunday between 11 and 17 September*

Guard your Church, O Lord,  
with your perpetual mercy:  
and since without your aid we lose our way,  
draw us always, by your help, away from harm,  
and steer us towards salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 25**

*Sunday between 18 and 24 September*

O Lord,  
let your constant compassion  
cleanse and strengthen your Church:  
and since, without you,  
we cannot continue in safety,  
may we ever be governed by your grace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 26**

*Sunday between 25 September and 1 October*

O Lord,  
may your grace at all times go before us,  
and follow on behind:  
and so continually direct us to good works;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 27**

*Sunday between 2 and 8 October*

O Lord, we beseech you:  
give your people grace to turn away from evil;  
and to follow you, the only God,  
in pureness of heart and mind;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 28**

*Sunday between 9 and 15 October*

O Lord, since without you we cannot please you:  
let the work of your mercy in all things guide our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 29**

*Sunday between 16 and 22 October*

Almighty and merciful God:  
in your goodness keep from us all that is harmful;  
that, being ready both in body and soul,  
we may freely accomplish your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



## **Proper 30**

*Sunday between 23 and 29 October*

O Lord, in your mercy:  
grant 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,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 31**

*Sunday between 30 October and 5 November*

O Lord,  
watch over your household with constant love:  
that with you as our shelter  
your family may be free from all distress,  
and devoted to good works for the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 32**

*Sunday between 6 and 12 November*

O God, our refuge and strength,  
the very author of devotion:  
hear the prayers of your Church;  
and grant that what we seek in faith  
we may in fact obtain;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 33**

*Sunday between 13 and 19 November*

O Lord,  
forgive the transgressions of your people:  
and by your goodness release us from the snare of sin,  
in which, by our frailty, we have been caught;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Proper 34: Christ the King**

*Sunday between 20 and 26 November*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose will it is to restore all things  
in the kingdom of your well-beloved Son:  
mercifully grant  
that the peoples of the earth,  
now divided and enslaved by sin,  
may be freed and brought together  
under his most gracious rule;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*Weekdays of Proper 34*

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people:  
that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
may by you be richly rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

# **Saints' Days and Other Holy Days**

## **Andrew, apostle, and patron of Scotland**

*30 November*

Almighty God,  
who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew  
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son, Jesus Christ:  
give us, who are called by your holy Word,  
the grace to follow him without delay,  
and to be messengers of the good news of your kingdom;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Thomas, apostle**

*21 December (if not kept on 3 July)*

Almighty and everliving God,  
who strengthened your apostle Thomas  
with faith in the resurrection of your Son:  
grant to us, who have not seen,  
that we also may believe,  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## **Stephen, deacon and martyr**

*26 December*

Grant, O Lord, that we may learn to love our enemies  
by the example of your martyr, Saint Stephen,  
who prayed to you for his persecutors;  
for you live and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **John, apostle and evangelist**

*27 December*

Merciful Lord,  
shed upon your people  
the bright beams of your light:  
that enlightened by the teaching of Saint John,  
your apostle and evangelist,  
we may live in the light of your truth,  
and come at length to the fullness of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Holy Innocents**

*28 December*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
whose Holy Innocents were slaughtered at the hand of Herod:  
receive into the arms of your mercy, we pray, all innocent victims;  
and, by your great might, frustrate the designs of evil tyrants,  
and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Naming of Jesus**

*1 January*

Eternal Father,  
who gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus  
to be the sign of our salvation:  
place in every heart, we pray,  
the love of him who is the Lord of every year  
and Saviour of the world;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in time and for eternity.

## **Kentigern (also known as Mungo), bishop**

*13 January*

O God, who in your wonderful providence  
chose blessed Kentigern, your bishop,  
to be a teacher and guardian of your Church:  
grant, we pray, that we may ever follow the holy example  
of him whose feast day we now celebrate;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle**

*25 January*

Almighty God,  
who by the preaching of your blessed apostle Paul  
caused the light of the gospel to shine among the nations:  
grant that we, who celebrate his wonderful conversion,  
may be united with him in bearing witness to your truth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

## **The Presentation of the Lord**

*2 February*

Almighty and Everlasting God:  
as your Only-begotten Son was presented  
and received in the temple,  
so may we welcome and proclaim him as the light of the nations  
and the glory of your people;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Patrick, bishop, patron of Ireland**

*17 March*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of Ireland:  
grant that we, like him, may walk in the light of your gospel,  
as heralds and evangelists of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



## **Joseph of Nazareth**

*19 March*

O God our Father,  
who, from the family of your servant David,  
raised up Joseph the carpenter  
to be the guardian of your incarnate Son:  
give us grace to follow his example  
of faithful obedience to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Annunciation of the Lord**

*25 March*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord:  
that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ  
by the message of an angel to the Blessed Virgin Mary;  
so by his cross and passion  
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Mark, evangelist**

*25 April*

Almighty God,  
you have instructed your holy Church  
with the heavenly teaching of your evangelist, Saint Mark:  
give us grace, that we may be firmly grounded in its truth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Philip and James, apostles**

*1 May*

Almighty Father,  
to know you is eternal life:  
may we know your Son Jesus Christ  
as the way, the truth, and the life;  
that, following the steps of your holy apostles, Philip and James,  
we may faithfully walk in the way that leads to your truth;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

## **Matthias, apostle**

*14 May*

Almighty God,  
who, by the Holy Spirit, chose Matthias  
to be numbered in the twelve apostles:  
by the ministry of faithful pastors and teachers,  
keep us steadfast in your truth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

*31 May*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary  
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:  
grant that we, with them, may magnify your holy name  
and rejoice to acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Columba of Iona, abbot**

*9 June*

O God,  
who called your servant Columba from among the princes of Ireland  
to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom:  
grant that your Church, remembering his faith and courage,  
may so proclaim the gospel,  
that people everywhere will come to know your Son as their Saviour,  
and serve him as their king;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Barnabas, apostle**

*11 June*

Lord God Almighty,  
who filled your holy apostle Barnabas with faith and the Holy Spirit,  
and set him apart to proclaim your word to the nations:  
grant us, like him, the same gifts;  
that we may encourage the faint-hearted,  
remember the poor,  
and bring others to know you, the living God;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## **The Birth of John the Baptist**

*24 June*

Almighty God,  
by whose providence John the Baptist was wonderfully born,  
and filled with the Holy Spirit  
to prepare the way of your Son, our Saviour:  
give us, we pray, the light of spiritual joy;  
and guide the hearts of all the faithful  
into the way of salvation and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Peter and Paul, apostles**

*29 June*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles, Peter and Paul,  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example,  
and knit together in unity by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
which is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

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*or when Peter is celebrated alone*

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.  
(Common Worship)

## **Thomas, apostle**

*3 July (or 21 December)*

Almighty and everliving God,  
who strengthened your apostle Thomas  
with faith in the resurrection of your Son:  
grant to us, who have not seen,  
that we also may believe  
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Mary Magdalene**

*22 July*

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene  
to wholeness of body, mind and spirit,  
and called her to be a witness of his resurrection:  
forgive us, heal us, and strengthen us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **James, apostle**

*25 July*

O God of mercy:  
grant that, as your holy Apostle James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and followed him even to death;  
so we, forsaking all selfish desires,  
may ever be ready to obey your call;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*6 August*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who revealed the glory of your beloved Son  
when he was transfigured on the holy mountain:  
mercifully grant us such a vision of his divine majesty,  
that, being purified and strengthened by your grace,  
we may be transformed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



## **Mary the Virgin**

*15 August*

O God,  
you have taken to yourself the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
mother of your incarnate Son:  
grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood,  
may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Bartholomew, apostle**

*24 August*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave grace to your apostle Bartholomew  
to believe and preach your word:  
grant to your Church, we pray,  
both to love what he believed,  
and to preach what he taught;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.  
The Beheading of John the Baptist

## **The Beheading of John the Baptist**

*29 August*

O God,  
who called Saint John the Baptist  
to be both in birth and death the forerunner of your Son:  
grant that, as he was slain for truth and justice,  
so we may boldly resist corruption and vice,  
and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Holy Cross Day**

*14 September*

O God,  
whom it has pleased to redeem the human race  
through the precious blood of your Only-begotten Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ:  
mercifully grant, that we,  
who rejoice in the life-giving Cross,  
might die to our sins and live for righteousness;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Ninian of Whithorn, bishop**

*16 September*

Almighty God,  
who through the preaching of your holy bishop, Ninian,  
made the light of the gospel shine in our land:  
grant that we too, by that same gospel,  
may be filled with the light of your truth,  
and come to know the joys of the heavenly life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Matthew, apostle and evangelist**

*21 September*

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew, the tax collector,  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace so to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and love of riches,  
that we may follow the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Michael and All Angels**

*29 September*

Everlasting God,  
who ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Luke, evangelist**

*18 October*

Almighty God,  
who inspired your servant Luke the physician  
to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son:  
graciously continue in your Church  
this love and power to heal,  
to the praise and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **James of Jerusalem**

*23 October*

Almighty God,  
whose apostle James was faithful in prayer,  
devoted to the poor, and accepted persecution:  
grant us grace to follow his example;  
to walk in the way of the just;  
and to witness to our risen Lord, Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Simon and Jude, apostles**

*28 October*

Almighty God,  
whom we thank for the glorious company of the apostles,  
and especially on this day for Simon and Jude:  
grant that as they were faithful and zealous in their mission  
so we may, with ardent devotion,  
make known the love and mercy  
of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **All Saints**

*1 November*

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect in one communion  
in the mystical body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord:  
grant that we may attain,  
with all your saints,  
the whole measure of the fullness of Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **All Souls**

*2 November*

Father of all,  
we pray to you for those we love but see no longer:  
grant them your peace,  
let light perpetual shine upon them,  
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power  
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

Eternal Lord God,  
you hold all souls in life:  
shed forth upon all the faithful departed  
the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort;  
and grant that they, and we with them,  
may at length enter into the joys of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Margaret of Scotland**

*16 November*

Almighty God,  
who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne  
that she might advance your heavenly kingdom,  
and endued her with zeal for your Church  
and charity towards your people:  
mercifully grant that we, who commemorate her example,  
may be fruitful in good works  
and attain to the glorious company of your saints;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

# Common Collects for Saints' Days

## Mary, Mother of the Lord

Almighty God,  
who looked with favour on your servant Mary  
and called her to be the mother of your Son:  
grant us, we pray,  
the humility which found favour in your sight;  
that we, with her, may proclaim the greatness of your name,  
and find the mercy shown to those who stand in awe of you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Martyrs

Almighty God,  
who gave to your servant(s) *N.* (or *NN.*) boldness  
to confess the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
before the rulers of this world,  
and courage to die for this faith:  
grant that we may always be ready  
to live or die by the hope that is in us,  
and to suffer gladly for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



*or*

Almighty God,  
by whose grace and power your holy martyr(s) *N. (or NN.)*  
triumphed over suffering and *was/were* faithful even to death:  
may we, who now remember *him/her/them* in thanksgiving,  
be so faithful in our witness to you in this world,  
that we may receive with *him/her/them*  
the crown of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who kindled the flame of your love  
in the heart of your holy martyr(s) *N. (or NN.)*:  
give us such faith and power of love,  
that we who rejoice in *his/her/their* triumph  
may live by *his/her/their* example;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Teachers of the Faith and Spiritual Writers**

Almighty God,  
who through the teaching of your servant *N.*  
enlightened and enabled your people  
to understand the truth in Jesus Christ:  
raise up among us teachers of your word,  
that we, in our generation,  
may know your great salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Bishops and Other Pastors**

Heavenly Father,  
shepherd of your people,  
who called your faithful servant *N.*  
to the care and nurture of your flock:  
may we, taught by the example of *his* holy life,  
grow by grace into the full stature  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Religious

O God,  
by whose grace your servant *N.*,  
kindled by the fire of your love,  
became a burning and a shining light in your Church:  
grant that we also may be aflame  
with the spirit of love and discipline,  
and walk before you as children of light;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Missionaries

Everlasting God,  
whose servant *N.* carried the good news of your Son  
to the people of ... (*or to the ..... people*):  
grant that we who commemorate *his* service  
may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts  
and manifest its light in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Any Saint**

Almighty God,  
may we, by your grace,  
surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
run with perseverance the race you set before us,  
until at last, through your mercy,  
we come with *N.* to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

Almighty God,  
you choose your saints out of every nation,  
and reveal your glory in their lives:  
grant that we, aided by your grace  
and the prayers of your servant *N.*,  
may be fruitful in good works  
to the praise of your holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

# Collects for Special Occasions

## Dedication Festival

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate  
the dedication of this house of prayer:  
grant that all who seek you in this place may find you;  
and being filled with the Holy Spirit  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Rogation Days and Thanksgiving for Harvest

Almighty and eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory;  
so that none may hunger, none may thirst,  
and all may cherish the gifts of your creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Remembrance Sunday

O God, whose will it is  
to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace:  
let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows;  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## Ember Days

*The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 13 December, 1 Lent, Pentecost and 14 September.*

*General collect for the ministry of all Christian people*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer, which we offer for all your faithful people;  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*I. For those to be ordained*

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts,  
who by your Holy Spirit have appointed  
various orders of ministry in the Church:  
give grace to your servant(s) now called to be deacon/priest/bishop;  
and so maintain them in truth and clothe them with holiness of life,  
that they may faithfully serve before you,  
to the glory of your great Name  
and for the benefit of your holy Church;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*II. For the choice of suitable persons for the ministry*

O God, who led your holy apostles  
to ordain ministers in every place:  
grant that your Church,  
by the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
may choose suitable persons  
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament,  
and uphold them in their work  
for the extension of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*III (a) For vocations to Holy Orders*

Almighty God,  
you have entrusted to your Church  
a share in the ministry of your Son,  
our great high priest:  
inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many,  
and raise up faithful servants of the Gospel  
for the ministry of your Church;  
that, strengthened by his power,  
they may work for the increase of your kingdom,  
and set forward the eternal praise of your name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*III (b)*

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
whose servants, Simon Peter, and Andrew his brother,  
at your word immediately left their nets  
to become fishers of people:  
give grace to those  
whom you call to the sacred ministry of your Church;  
that they may hear your voice,  
and obey your call with glad hearts;  
for you live and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.



*IV. For vocations to the Religious Life*

O God,  
you help all those who believe in you  
to grow perfect in love:  
call from among us men and women  
who, by serving you in community,  
will be a sign of your kingdom  
for us and all the world;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

**The Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

O God, you have enlightened the hearts of your people  
by the fire of the Holy Spirit:  
give us wisdom and understanding,  
and guide us into all truth;  
that your Church may be kept in the unity of the Spirit  
and the bond of peace;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **The Unity of the Church**

Almighty Father,  
whose blessed Son, before his passion,  
prayed for his disciples that they might be one,  
as you and he are one:  
grant that your Church,  
being bound together in love and obedience to you,  
may be united in one body by the one Spirit;  
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your apostles,  
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you:  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and give to us the peace and unity of your kingdom,  
where you live and reign with the Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

*In times of particular difficulty and strife*

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to be a sign of reconciliation and of unity in him:  
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

### **The Peace of the World**

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle in every heart the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;  
that your kingdom may go forward in tranquillity,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Social Justice and Responsibility**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him:  
give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all;  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

## **Mission and Evangelism**

Draw together you Church, O Lord,  
into one great company of disciples;  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life;  
together serving him in his mission to the world;  
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island;  
through him, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.

*or*

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end.