**COLLECTS AND OCCASIONAL PRAYERS**

**Taken from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer**

**COLLECTS**

*Proper 20*

*Week of the Sunday from September 18 to September 24*

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Proper 29*

*Week of the Sunday from November 20 to November 26*

*Christ the King*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

***Holy Days***

*Saint James of Jerusalem*

*October 23*

Grant, O God, that, following the example of your apostle James the Just, kinsman of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**OCCASIONAL PRAYERS**

*For the Universal Church*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*For the Unity of all Christian People*

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace to take to heart the grave dangers we are in through our many divisions. Deliver your Church from all enmity and prejudice, and everything that hinders us from godly union. As there is one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so make us all to be of one heart and of one mind, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love, that with one voice we may give you praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

*For the Peace of the World*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

42. for the human family

O God, you made us in your own image, and you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*For Social Justice*

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*In Times of Social Conflict or Distress*

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*For the Diversity of Races and Cultures*

O God, who created all peoples in your image: We thank you for the diversity of races and cultures in this world. Show us your presence in those who differ from us, and enrich our lives with their fellowship, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Option 1*

Let us raise our prayers to the Lord, whose love for His world moved Him to take our human form

and become as one of us, to redeem us to the Father.

Perfecter of our faith,

in your lineage you called Abraham to life anew in the land you will show him.

Strengthen our faith to risk all for the sake of your Kingdom and its righteousness.

**Lord, perfect our faith**.

King of kings,

in your lineage you raised up a wise and courageous leader like David

Give wisdom and courage to our leaders, that they may govern in truth and justice.

**Lord, restore justice**.

Redeemer of the world,

in your lineage you made a place for people of other ethnicities like Ruth

Grant us true reconciliation with one another, and increase in us a gracious heart for all peoples.

**Lord, reconcile us**.

Great Healer,

in your lineage you graced the despised and rejected like Tamar

Bring healing to all who are in pain of unjust treatment and rejection.

**Lord, heal our wounds**.

Son of Man,

in your lineage you honored the ordinary of our world like Joseph and Mary

Look with favor on all who are forgotten, and move us to honor your image in all people.

**Lord, renew our heart**.

***Conclusion***

Lord Christ, by the power of your death and resurrection you redeem and restore us into relationship with the Father, uniting us into one heavenly family by your Spirit. Grant that we, being filled by the Holy Spirit, may be a living testimony of your universal Kingdom on earth, that the world may see and hunger for your reign of righteousness, justice and peace. **Amen**.

(*Donald Nwankwo, for the DRM Racial Reconciliation Initiative*)

*Option 2*

Lord, turn your ear to us; be swift to answer when we call.

**Turn your ear to us; be swift to answer when we call.**

Living God, deliver us from a world without justice and a future without mercy; in your mercy, establish justice, and in your justice, remember the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in anguish of soul; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are despairing; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen**.

O God, who brought us to birth, and in whose arms we die, in our grief and shock contain and comfort us; embrace each one of us with your love, give us hope in our confusion and grace to let go into the new life you offer us; through Jesus Christ.

**Amen**.

Father, you know our hearts and share our sorrows. We are hurt by the divisions, violence and injustice among us: when we are angry at the abuse of human dignity and the loss we sustain, when we long for words of comfort, yet find them hard to hear, turn our grief to truer living, our affliction to firmer hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

Lord, your justice turns evil on itself: move us to examine our hearts and repent of all duplicity; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Judge and righteous Saviour.

**Amen**.

Gracious God, surround all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion. Do not let grief overwhelm your children, or turn them against you. When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along your road of healing in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

Give us honest hearts, O God, and send your kindly Spirit to help us confess our sins and bring us the peace of your forgiveness; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen**.

Lord, hear our prayer, and let our cry come before you:

**Be swift to answer when we call.**

 (*Prayers from Common Worship*)

*Option 3*

Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving

make our requests to God.

Gracious God,

we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world.

We pray for the honouring of human rights,

and for the relief of the oppressed.

We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and children. *R*

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service.

We pray for *N* our bishop and for the life of this *parish/community*.

We give thanks for the gift of your word,

the grace of the sacraments

and the fellowship of your people. *R*

We pray for this local community

and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for the young and the elderly,

for families, and all who are alone.

We give thanks for human skill and creativity

and all that reveals your loveliness. *R*

We pray for those who are in need;

for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved.

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing.

We give thanks for human love and friendship

and for all that enriches our daily lives. *R*

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,

to the mercy and protection of God.

 (*Book of Common Worship*)

*Option 4*

**Prayers for Reconciliation**

Holy Father, God of Love,

You are the Creator of all things.

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history

and the sufferings of Our peoples,

and we ask your forgiveness.

We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus

to reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive,

accept and love one another, as you love us

and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history

so that we may build a better future for our Nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters.

Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change

to improve the quality of life for all groups

in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations

on which we build our families,

our communities and our Nation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(*Anglican Board of Mission, Australia*).

*Option 5*

**A prayer for unity**

God of peace,

you are the bridge-builder,

you are the opener of doors.

In Christ you break down dividing walls

and invite us to belong together.

You give more than enough love

for binding up broken hearts,

mending broken relationships,

knitting together our scraps of faith

into one communion and fellowship.

Teach us, we pray,

to see the face of Christ

not only in our friends,

but also in the faces of strangers and enemies.

Rebuke us, we pray,

when we choose separation instead of connection,

isolation instead of collaboration.

Renew us, we pray,

for a generous sharing in abundant life

with you and with one another,

now and for ever.

**Amen**.

(*2020 Anglican Consultative Council, Primates' Task Group*)

**CONFESSIONS AND ABSOLUTIONS**

**Confessions**

*Option 1*

*All:* **God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth,**

**you create us from nothing and give us life.**

**You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy,**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 (*Book of Common Worship, Church of England*)

*Option 2*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people:

come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

Lord, be merciful:

*All*   **forgive us our sin.**

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;

Lord, be merciful:

*All*   **forgive us our sin.**

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;

Lord, be merciful:

*All*   **forgive us our sin.**

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;

Lord, be merciful:

*All*   **forgive us our sin.**

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;

Lord, be merciful:

*All*   **forgive us our sin.**

 (*Book of Common Worship, Church of England*)

**Absolutions**

*Option 1*

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

*All*   **Amen.**

(*Book of Common Worship, Church of England*)

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

*All*: **And also with you**.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

It is right for your children by adoption and grace

to give you thanks and praise, everlasting God, source of life and holiness,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He was born as one of us, and came to live and serve,

to teach and heal, and to draw us to communion with you.

He gave up his life for us, and was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.

And now we give you thanks

because you gather your children throughout the world to be one,

even as you, Father, are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit;

and to be the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the gathered company of heaven,

we praise and glorify you, *singing*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ,

who sealed your everlasting covenant with his blood.

Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your promise,

these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ’s body and blood,

that we may live in him and he in us.

On the night he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus Christ took the bread,

gave you thanks, broke this bread,

shared it with his disciples, and said,

‘Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you.

Do this, whenever you eat it, in remembrance of me.’

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,

gave you thanks, shared it with his disciples, and said,

‘Drink from this, all of you, for this is my blood,

shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again**.

Therefore Father,

as we come together in faith to share this communion,

we remember your love shown in Christ, once for all, on the cross,

your power revealed in his resurrection, and your glory which you promise at his last coming.

Accept our offering of thanks and praise.

Breathe your Holy Spirit into our lives;

Heal our wounds, calm our fears, and give us peace.

**Renew us in your love,**

**restore us in your image,**

**and unite us in the body of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ**.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory belong to you,

ever-loving God, now and for ever.

**Amen**.

*You may proceed with the Lord’s Prayer and the Breaking of Bread*.

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