

Collect Creation Guide

Where you can find Collects in the Book of Common Prayer:

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1. Invocation

An address to God, using one of God's many names:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> O God, | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit, | <input type="checkbox"/> O Heavenly Father, | <input type="checkbox"/> O Lord, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merciful God, | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord Jesus Christ, | <input type="checkbox"/> Father, Mother, God, | <input type="checkbox"/> El Senor, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Almighty God, | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Spirit, | <input type="checkbox"/> Lord of all power and might, | <input type="checkbox"/> Eternal God, |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father, | <input type="checkbox"/> Everlasting Father, | <input type="checkbox"/> Creator of the universe, | <input type="checkbox"/> Loving God, |

or create your own:

2. Description of divine action

Name and describe something that God is doing in our world

For example, "we thank you for making us in your image, to share in the ordering of your world"

3. Petition (what we are asking of God)

A request of God related to the divine action we just talked about in step number 2

For example, "Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart for your worship..."

4. Giving glory to God OR asking in God's name

In essence, naming that God is God, and we are not.

For example, "...to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

5. Closing

Collects always end with "Amen."

Amen.
