

Prayers

Your congregation has your own style of corporate prayer. Here are a few special prayers -

For Those suffering from Covid-19

Almighty and immortal God, the giver of life and health, we beseech you in your loving mercy to hear our prayers for those suffering from Covid-19, that by your blessing upon them and those who minister to them of your healing gifts, they may be restored to health of body and mind, and give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Healer. Amen.

For Front Line Workers

Protect and prosper, O Lord, all those who labour at tasks of danger and difficulty, especially those in essential services and healing ministries. May they be preserved in safety and health, and grant that, knowing the dangers they are in, ever take thought for one another and be sustained by a sure trust in you ; through Jesus Christ our gracious Lord. Amen.

For Trust & Confidence

Almighty God, who is afflicted in the afflictions of your people, regard with your tender compassion those in anxiety and distress, bear their sorrows and their cares, supply all their manifold needs, and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Life (Anglicans for Life)

Lord God, thank You for creating human life in Your image. Thank You for my life and the lives of those I love. Thank You for teaching us through Scripture the value You place on life. Help me to uphold the sanctity of life in my church and community. Give me the strength to stand up to those forces that seek to destroy the lives of those most vulnerable, the unborn, the infirm and the elderly. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of respecting life. I commit myself to protecting and defending the sacredness of life according to Your will, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Make Us Instruments of Your Peace

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon ; where there is discord, unity ; where there is doubt, faith ; where there is despair, hope ; where there is darkness, light ; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ; to be understood as to understand ; to be loved as to love ; For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen (attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you at this time the poor, despairing, those in pregnancy and alone, the frail and the elderly, and above all those with no one to care for them. Comfort and heal them and above all make us and all your Church instruments of grace to them. Grant this for the sake of your Son, who became poor and outcast for us. Amen.

O God our Saviour, who by your holy prophets taught your people to seek the welfare of the communities in which they live in exile, we commend to you our neighbourhoods to your loving care that they may be kept free of selfishness and lack of charity. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others that we may create communities of love and mercy where your will may be done, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FYI, the New ACNA Prayer Book has many excellent prayers and collects. (see pages 641- 690)