

**Prayers for Good Friday**  
**from the Book of Common Prayer 1979**  
**of the Episcopal Church, USA**

**The Solemn Collects**

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers

and the people whom they serve

For David and Jennifer, our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized (particularly\_\_\_\_\_)

That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:

Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

For N., the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations

For all who serve the common good

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute  
and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For the sorrowful and bereaved

For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;  
For those who have never heard the word of salvation  
For those who have lost their faith  
For those hardened by sin or indifference  
For the contemptuous and the scornful  
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and  
persecutors of his disciples  
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others  
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to  
faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and  
lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you  
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel  
be preached with grace and power to those who have not  
heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring  
home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there  
may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace  
of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and  
have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is  
known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter  
into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown  
of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

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.*

## **Anthem 2**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
*because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*  
If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;  
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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*The service concludes with the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*