

Creating Your Own Collects: for Racial Justice and Healing

The Cranmerian format for collects can be used to create racial justice and healing collects for yourself and your faith community. It is as follows:

- I. Address – The prayer begins by naming the God of our worship, most often in the Person of God the Father or Creator.
- II. Acknowledgement – The quality or characteristic of God is mentioned upon which the prayer request is based.
- III. Petition – We ask for a specific thing that we need: guidance, forgiveness, faith, etc.
- IV. Aspiration – the result that we hope will come out of the granting of our petition.
- V. Pleading – the prayer is said through the mercy and merit of Jesus Christ our savior, who by his redemption and ascension is the mediator of our faith and worship.

Example: For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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