

Accession Day

A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving

in contemporary language based on *The Book of Common Prayer (and Common Worship)*
for the Anniversary of the day of the Accession of the Reigning Sovereign

We Praise You, O God (The Te Deum Laudamus)

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
Govern and uphold them now and always.
Day by day we bless you.
We praise your name for ever.
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy,
for we have put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:
let us never be put to shame.

Amen.

Then the Priest shall say,

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, save the Queen;

Who puts her trust in you.

Send her help from your holy place.

And evermore powerfully defend her.

Let her enemies have no advantage over her.

Nor the wicked come forward to hurt her.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

O God, who provides for your people by your power,

and rules over them in love:
 be pleased so to bless your Servant our Queen,
 that under her this nation may be wisely governed,
 and your Church may serve you in all godly quietness;
 and grant that she being devoted to you with her whole heart,
 and persevering in good works to the end,
 may, by your guidance, come to your everlasting kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 ever one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

O Lord our God,
 who upholds and governs all things by the word of your power:
 Receive our humble prayers
 for our Sovereign Lady *ELIZABETH, as on this day*,
 set over us by your grace and providence to be our Queen;
 and, together with her, bless, we pray,
Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family;
 that they, always trusting in your goodness,
 protected by your power,
 and crowned with your gracious and endless favour,
 may long continue before you in peace and safety,
 joy and honour, and after death may obtain everlasting life and glory,
 by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
 who with you and the Holy Spirit
 lives and reigns ever one God,
 now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, who rules over all the kingdoms of the world,
 and orders them according to your good pleasure:
 We give you true thanks,
 That you were pleased, *as on this day*,
 to set your Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen *ELIZABETH*,
 upon the Throne of this Realm.
 Let your wisdom be her guide, and let your arm strengthen her;
 let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness,
 peace and love, abound in her days;
 Be pleased, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let your mercy light upon us : as we trust in you.
 O Lord, in you I have trusted : let me never be put to shame.

A Prayer for Unity

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace:
Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers
we are in by our unhappy divisions.
Take away all hatred and prejudice,
and whatever else may keep us from godly unity and peace:
that, as there is only one Body, and one Spirit,
and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all;
so we may all be of one heart, and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and love,
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,
who knows our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking:
We ask you to have compassion on our infirmities;
and those things, which because of our unworthiness we dare not,
and because of our blindness we cannot ask,
be pleased to give us for the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.