

The Solemn Collects of Good Friday

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Changes to the content of the BCP 1979 Solemn Collects are highlighted in red. The people say together the biddings normally read by the deacon. There are also some biddings to the Collects *omitted*, as is the entire Solemn Collect for those “who have not received the Gospel of Christ” which some may consider too much liberty taken with authorized rites. Where appropriate, some punctuation marks were changed and some clauses within the biddings further edited to reflect their elaborative structure in the BCP 1979. – Dr. James Farwell

The solemn collects may be prayed kneeling, standing, or seated as any are able.

One 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.

***All* Let us pray for the holy catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;**

**for all those who meet in homes on these holy days
for those isolated due to illness or age**

that all your people might be one.

Silence

One 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.**

***All* Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those to whom their care is entrusted, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.**

Silence

One 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.

All 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, selfishness, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger**

May God in mercy 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

One 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.**

All 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

One 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.**

[Then follow the anthems....]