



Prayers and Liturgical Resources
for use in the Church of England
during Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Year
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The Diamond Jubilee Prayer

*The following Prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June.
The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it for use throughout the Church of England.
Other churches are also welcome to use this prayer.*

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories
with ELIZABETH
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Introduction

As the United Kingdom and the nations of the Commonwealth celebrate the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, we gather together some material from *The Book of Common Prayer*, *Common Worship* and other sources, old and new, all of which may be used at services in the Church of England or by other groups and individuals.

A Service of Thanksgiving has been compiled as a fully worked example of *A Service of the Word* from *Common Worship*. Parishes and church groups may wish to adapt this according to local custom and requirements, but we hope that what is provided will be used on or around the 6 February (the Day of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty the Queen), or during the Jubilee weekend itself, particularly Sunday 3 June 2012. Because Sunday 3 June is Trinity Sunday and therefore a Principal Feast, the collect and readings at the Principal Service must be those of the day, not as suggested here. The national Service of Thanksgiving will take place in St Paul's Cathedral in London on Tuesday 5 June. The service that is provided here is not intended to imitate or detract from that service at which the Royal Family will be present.

One of the prayers featured in this collection has been written, at The Queen's direction, by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for use throughout the Jubilee year; it will be used in the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 5 June. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it for use throughout the Church of England. Other churches are also welcome to use it, and any of the material in this collection.

Prayers for children to say during this special year have also been provided and it is hoped that they will be widely used.

The texts which are to be used on the day of Her Majesty's Accession from *The Book of Common Prayer* are provided in this compilation. 2012 is the 350th anniversary of the 1662 edition of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The use of these texts during Morning and Evening Prayer on 6 February is particularly suitable.

The Church of England's Liturgical Commission is delighted to provide this compilation for use by all.

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A Service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

Preparation

An appropriate anthem, hymn, psalm or canticle may be sung.

The following may be said or sung

Behold, our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand.

(Psalm 84. 8, 9)

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All We wait for your loving kindness, O God
in the midst of your temple.

All Lord, open our lips
and we shall praise your name.

The minister may say

Beloved in Christ,
we have come together
to offer our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
and to give thanks for the sixty year reign of Elizabeth our Queen.
We pray for her continued health and wisdom
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
she may continue to give herself to the service of God.
We commit ourselves afresh to serve
our community and our nation
that the earth may be filled
with God's justice, love and peace.

The minister may use these words or other authorized Prayers of Penitence

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

The minister says these words or another authorized absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

The Te Deum, the Venite or another suitable hymn of praise may be said or sung.

The Collect

The Collect is said either here or during the Prayers

Let us pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all God's people.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Psalmody

*An appropriate psalm is said or sung.
Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

*An appropriate reading from the Old Testament may be read here.
The reading may be followed by a time of silence.
The reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A suitable hymn, or canticle may be said or sung.

New Testament Reading or Gospel Reading

An appropriate reading from the New Testament may be read here. This may be the Gospel Reading. If a Gospel reading is used, the following acclamation may be appropriately said or sung to herald the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia.
Here is Wisdom;
This is the royal Law;
These are the lively Oracles of God.

All Alleluia.

*The reading may be followed by a time of silence.
The reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A suitable anthem or chant, or a responsory in this or another form may follow

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
All and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?
**All 'The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
All and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
**All 'The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.'**

Sermon

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith is used.

Prayers

These include

- ¶ intercessions and thanksgivings*
- ¶ the Lord's Prayer*

The prayers may include any or all of the following

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories
with ELIZABETH
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

St Paul's Cathedral 2012

O Lord and heavenly Father,
who exalts the humble and strengthens your people,
and who consecrated kings, priests and prophets
by anointing them with the oil of gladness:
bless Elizabeth our Queen.
Strengthen her with
the Spirit of wisdom and government,
the Spirit of counsel and strength,
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness,

and continue to fill her, O Lord, with your holy fear,
now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

O God, the crown of the faithful,
bless and sanctify your servant Elizabeth
upon whose head a crown was placed
as a sign of royal majesty.
Fill her day by day with your abundant grace
and with all charitable virtues;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Loving God,
you have taught us that the power of the heart
is greater than the power of wealth and might:
Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign;
We ask this through Jesus Christ our King;
to him be glory and power for ever.

All Amen.

A hymn or anthem may be sung.

The Conclusion

The service ends with the following, or another blessing or ending

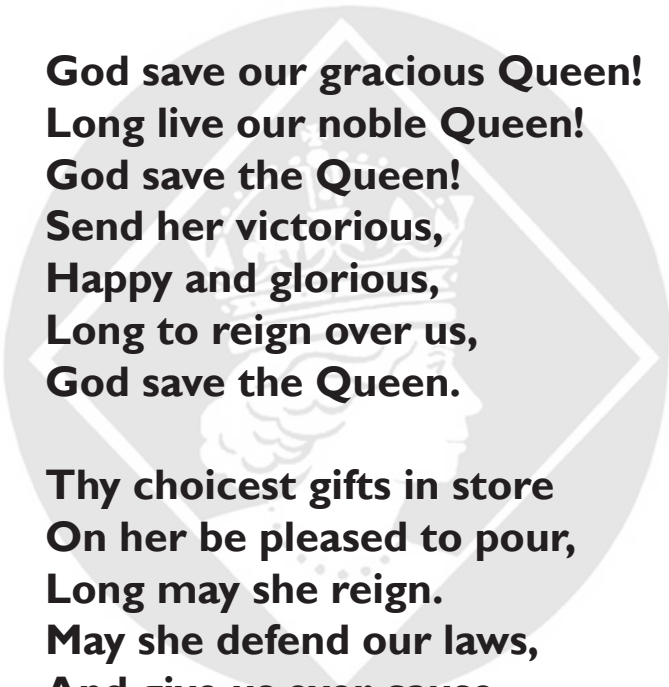
All Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness
All **and help us to serve you with joy.**
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
All **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**
Let not the needy be forgotten,
All **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Make us instruments of your peace
All **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

The Lord be with you:

All And also with you

May God crown you with glory and righteousness,
that you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom
by the gift of him whose kingdom endures forever;
and the blessing...

It is appropriate that verses from The National Anthem be sung at this point or another suitable point in the service.



**God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And give us ever cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.**

A hymn or anthem may be sung as the ministers depart.

¶ Texts for Accession Day from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Forms of Prayer with Thanksgiving to Almighty God

for use in all Churches and Chapels within this Realm upon the Anniversary of the day of the Accession of the Reigning Sovereign at Morning and Evening Prayer.

The Suffrages next after the Creed.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen;

Who putteth her trust in thee.

Send her help from thy holy place.

And evermore mightily defend her.

Be unto her, ○ Lord, a strong tower;

From the face of her enemies.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

○ Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

After the first Collect, at Morning or Evening Prayer, the following Collect.

○ God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The following may also be used on the same day at any convenient time.

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory : O Christ
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Then the Priest shall say,

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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. Amen.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

O Lord, save the Queen;

Who putteth her trust in thee.

Send her help from thy holy place.

And evermore mightily defend her.

Let her enemies have no advantage of her.

Nor the wicked approach to hurt her.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that she being devoted to thee with her whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things by the word of thy power: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth, as on this day, set over us by thy grace and providence to be our Queen; and, together with her, bless, we beseech thee, Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince

of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may long continue before thee 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 thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. **Amen.***

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and dost order them according to thy good pleasure: We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased, as on this day, to set thy Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth upon the Throne of this Realm. Let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in her days; direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of her subjects; give us grace to obey her cheerfully for conscience sake, and let her always possess the hearts of her people; let her reign be long and prosperous, and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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 whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that, as there is but 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 henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: We beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

** Where it is desired to use these Collects at another time, then the words 'as on this day' must be omitted.*

¶ Collects and Prayers from *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Collects from the Accession Day service may be used at any time when the Sovereign is the particular intention.

The following prayers may also be used at any time.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

from the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer

Almighty God, whose kingdom is ever-lasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

from the Order for the Administration of Holy Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Elizabeth thy servant, our Queen and Governor, that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

from the Order for the Administration of Holy Communion

A Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

from the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer

¶ Collects and Prayers from Common Worship

This Collect may be used at a Service of the Word, Morning or Evening Prayer, Night Prayer or in place of the Collect of the Day at Holy Communion on the 6 February (the day of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen) or at any other time when the Sovereign is the particular intention.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

from Common Worship: Festivals

This Post Communion prayer may be used at Holy Communion on the 6 February or at any time when the Sovereign is the particular intention.

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 our hatred and prejudice
and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord,

that, as there is but one body, one Spirit
and one hope of our calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of us all,
so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul,
united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity,
and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

from Common Worship: Festivals

The following may be used at any time.

A Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless, we pray,
Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales,
and all the Royal Family.
Endue them with your Holy Spirit;
enrich them with your heavenly grace;
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

A Prayer for those who govern

Eternal God,
fount and source of all authority and wisdom,
hear our prayer for those who govern.
Give to Elizabeth our Queen grace
as the symbol of loyalty and unity
for all our different peoples;
give to the parliaments in these islands,
and especially to our own Government,
wisdom and skill, imagination and energy;
give to the members of the Commonwealth nations
vision, understanding and integrity,
that all may live in peace and happiness, truth and prosperity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

¶Further texts, prayers and resources

A Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ,
we have come together
to offer our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
and to give thanks for the sixty year reign of Elizabeth our Queen.
We pray for her continued health
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
she may continue to give herself to the service of God.
We commit ourselves afresh to serve
our community and our nation
that the earth may be filled
with God's justice, love and peace.

Lectionary

The following may replace the readings of the day on 6 February or when the Sovereign is the particular intention (except on a Principal Feast, Principal Holy Day or Festival, when the readings of the day must be used). These readings are suitable for use in the Service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, which is provided.

Joshua 1. 1-9; Proverbs 8. 1-16

Psalms 20; 101; 121

Romans 13. 1-10; Revelation 21. 22-22.4

Matthew 22. 16-22; Luke 22. 24-30

A Short Proper Preface for use in Common Worship

The following may be used with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and C on 6 February or when the Sovereign is the particular intention.

And now we give you thanks
because you have anointed
Elizabeth as our Queen,
and by your grace
she remains defender of the faith
and the guardian of your Church
and people in this land.

Introduction to the Peace

The following may be used with Common Worship: Holy Communion, Order One.

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Children's Diamond Jubilee Prayers

Great God,
whose Son Jesus looks after us,
we thank you for our wonderful Queen.
At this special time of Jubilee,
please give her love, joy and peace
as she does what you ask her to do
and looks after us her people;
through Jesus Christ who loves us all.

O God our Father,
you love all your children
in this and every nation:
we give you thanks
for Elizabeth our Queen
at this time of Jubilee;
give her your strength and protection,
your love and your peace,
that she may joyfully serve you
and her people all the days of her life;
we ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our Friend.

Further prayers

We beseech thee, Almighty God: that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who by thy mercy hath received the government of this realm, may also obtain an increase of every virtue; that, being meetly adorned therewith, she may flee from sin and iniquity, and by thy grace may attain unto thee who art the way, the truth, and the life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Traditional

O Lord, make thy servant Elizabeth our Queen to rejoice in thy strength:
give her her heart's desire, and deny not the request of her lips; but prevent her
with thine everlasting blessing, and give her a long life, even for ever and ever.

adapted from Psalm 21 for Queen Elizabeth I

Heavenly Father,
we ask your blessing
upon Her Majesty the Queen
as she celebrates sixty years as our Sovereign.
May your wisdom sustain her,
and your love strengthen her.
Grant her continued strength
to serve you, our country and the Commonwealth
with integrity and faithfulness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Almighty God
who created and redeemed me,
and brought me to that which I now am,
you know what you wish to do with me;
mercifully deal with me
according to your holy will.

A prayer of King Henry VI (translated)

Blessings

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing ...

May God crown you with glory and righteousness,
that you may obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom
by the gift of him whose kingdom endures forever;
and the blessing...

