

Choices for the Collect of the Day: Pride Sunday

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O God, let today be a day to give thanks that you have made us, all of us created in your divine image, in our beauty, complexity, and variety. Let this be a day for us to support one another, to offer strength to one another, and to claim our hope in Christ for a tomorrow that is brighter than today. Grant us the binding love of your Spirit as we pray, reflect, and celebrate as your rainbow tribe, gathered by your eternal love for us all. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

God of all Creation, you have made us in your image, a rainbow of every color, culture, gender expression, language, orientation, and nation; grant that, when we look at one another, we may see You, expressed in yet another language of love; and grant that we may honor your holy presence in every life. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

God of love and justice: we give you thanks for creating us in your image. We gather today to celebrate our variety, our identities, our sexualities, our cultures, and the unifying thread of your Spirit of love. As we remember the pioneers on whose shoulders we stand, remind us that your Spirit invites us to take our place in the long line of those who speak and work and act for justice and joy for all your people. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

Collect for the Prayers of the People

Holy One, as you have blessed us and heard our prayers, we pray that you will now send us in your name. Help us to imagine the future and to work toward it, encouraged by your word of hope to us. Strengthen us when we falter; offer us light when we cannot find our way. Grant us joy today as we celebrate, and tomorrow, we ask that you fill us with your light, your love, your power, and your strength for the work at hand. Remind us that you are with us always, even as you push us gently away from the shore. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.