

Index of Prayers and Thanksgivings

in the *Book of Common Prayer* (Canada 1962)

SECOND EDITION. This index is designed to assist churchmen in finding prayers and thanksgivings in the *Book of Common Prayer* (Canada 1962) for private devotions. The Prayer Book contains sections for personal Prayers and Thanksgivings (pages 37-61) and for Family Prayers (pages 728-736). The regular forms for Morning and Evening Prayer can be adapted for individual use. Additionally, wording in public forms and rites can be modified for private use. For example, the prayer indexed for the anniversary of a wedding (last prayer on page 570) is from “The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony.” To make it applicable in commemorating a wedding anniversary, vary the phrase “Look mercifully upon these thy servants” to “Look mercifully upon thy servants [N.] and [N].” Similarly, you can change pronouns and substitute or omit words. The last prayer on page 655 in “The Ordering of Priests” can be refashioned to celebrate the anniversary of a priest’s ordination by substituting “thy servant [N]” for “these thy servants” and making subsequent plural pronouns singular. Occasionally, the Prayer Book provides guidance, as in the variant phrasing in parentheses for the two prayers on pages 42 to 43 “For General, Provincial, or Diocesan Synods.”

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The Book of Common Prayer

www.individual.utoronto.ca/hayes/anglican/6_bcp.htm

The Book of Common Prayer: Anglican Church of Canada

www.justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/canada.htm

Prayer Book Society of Canada

www.prayerbook.ca/component/content/frontpage

Lectionary Central

www.lectionarycentral.com