

Prayers at the Proclamation

Two options are presented here: the first, a familiar text from the Accession Service in the Book of Common Prayer; and the second, an adapted version in contemporary language.

Collect for the Accession

Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world,
and disposest of them according to thy good pleasure,
and who hast now called thy Servant
our Sovereign Lord, KING CHARLES, to the Throne of this Realm:
let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him;
let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love,
and all those virtues that adorn the Christian Profession,
flourish in his days.
Direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory
and the welfare of his people;
and give us grace to obey him cheerfully and willingly for conscience sake;
that neither our sinful passions, nor our private interests,
may disappoint his cares for the public good;
let him always possess the hearts of his people,
that they may never be wanting in honour to his Person,
and dutiful submission to his Authority;
let his Reign be long and prosperous,
and crown him with immortality in the life to come;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted version

Almighty God, ruler over all the nations of the world
and guardian of all who lead them,
you have called your Servant
our Sovereign Lord, KING CHARLES, to the Throne of this Realm:
guide him with your wisdom and strengthen him with your power.
Let justice, truth, holiness, peace and love,
and all the virtues that come from you,
flourish in his reign.
Grant that all he says and does
may be to your glory and the welfare of his people.
Give us grace to obey him willingly and with integrity,
that neither our selfish ambitions nor our private interests
undermine his care for the public good.
May he always possess the hearts of his people,
that we may honour him and submit gladly to his authority.
May his reign be long and prosperous,
and crown him with immortality in the life to come.
[Through Jesus Christ our Lord.]
Amen.