

# Index of Prayers and Thanksgivings

## in the *Book of Common Prayer* (United States 1928)

FIFTH EDITION. This index is designed to assist churchmen in finding prayers and thanksgivings in the *Book of Common Prayer* (United States 1928) for private devotions. The Prayer Book contains sections for personal Prayers and Thanksgivings (pages 35-53) and for Family Prayers (pages 587-600). 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 (third prayer on page 303) 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 prayer at the top of page 547 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 rubric on page 37 that gives instruction on how to adapt the language of “A Prayer to be used at the Meetings of Convention” for local use. *Lex orandi, lex credendi.*

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