

LAMBETH PALACE

Prayers for the Sovereign and for the Royal Family,
and Prayers and Forms of Service for Accession Day

1. On 17 September 2022 the King directed by Royal Warrant that the prayers for or referring to the Sovereign or other members of the Royal Family should be altered, and the amended forms used thereafter. The Warrant confirms that in any text pertaining to the Sovereign in any form of service authorized for use in the Church of England, 'King' should replace 'Queen', 'Charles' should replace 'Elizabeth', and instead of 'Sovereign Lady' the words 'Sovereign Lord' should be inserted, with the appropriate changes of pronouns.
2. In the same Warrant it is directed that in every prayer for the Royal Family contained in any form of service authorized for use in the Church of England, instead of the words 'Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales' the words 'Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales' should be inserted. The Prayer for the Royal Family in the Book of Common Prayer therefore now reads:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess 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.

3. In a further Warrant the King directed that the forms of prayer and service used on Accession Day as previously set out in the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Common Worship* for 6 February should now be used on the anniversary of his Accession, the eighth of September. Accession Day is a Commemoration in the *Common Worship* Calendar, which now falls on this date (shared by the Lesser Festival, the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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