

STATION 3: LEARN TO WRITE A COLLECT

pronounced COLlect) This 5th century prayer form has 5 lines. It collects the intentions of the worshippers, and when the prayer is spoken in the congregation it collects the voices into one.

Line 1: Name the God you are praying to:

Here are some Scriptural Names for God: Alpha & Omega (Rev 22:13) God Almighty (Gen 17:1) Faithful God (Deut 7:9) Father of Mercies (2 Cor 1:3) Gracious God (Jonah 4:2) Rock (2 Sam 23:3) God of Seeing (Gen 16:13) God our Peace (Heb 13:20) God and Father of Jesus Christ (Rom 15:6) Living God (2 Cor 6:16) God, our Purifier (Ex 31:13)

Line 2: Describe what this God does. Usually it begins with the word who.

Example: *All-seeing God*

who blessed some people with a vision of this camp on the banks of the river

Line 3: What do you want this God that you have named to do? What are you asking for?

Expand and enlarge our vision

Line 4: What would it look like for God to answer this prayer?

What is the outcome? This line usually begins with "so that.."

So that we might build bridges of hope beyond our borders.

Line 5: Prayer ends with a doxology or puts the prayer under the name of Jesus, affirming that Jesus is the way to the Father. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Examples of Collects in Hymnal: A Worship Book

723, 735, 737, 739, 742, 746, 760

Collects in Sing the Journey: #154, 155, 172

Collects in Sing the Story; #154, 180, 194, 196