PRAYERS REFERRING TO JEWISH PEOPLES

Good Friday Collect

The third collect appointed for Good Friday on page 174 of the Book of Common Prayer, is not authorized for use in the Diocese of Fredericton in accordance with action of General Synod (1992 and 1964). This collect contains references regarding those of the Jewish Faith not reflecting the official position of the Anglican Church.

For Reconciliation with the Jews

1. Per resolution of General Synod 2023, prayer number 4 in "Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions" is to be deleted from use and from future printings of the Book of Common Prayer and replaced with a prayer entitled "For Reconciliation with the Jews" as follows:

O GOD, who didst choose Israel to be thine inheritance: Have mercy upon us and forgive us for violence and wickedness against our brother Jacob; the arrogance of our hearts and minds hath deceived us, and shame hath covered our face. Take away all pride and prejudice in us, and grant that we, together with the people whom thou didst first make thine own, may attain to the fullness of redemption which thou hast promised; to the honour and glory of thy most holy Name.

2. The following contemporary language collect, approved by resolution of General Synod 2023, is also authorized for use in this diocese:

O GOD, who has chosen Israel to be your inheritance: Have mercy on us and forgive us for violence and wickedness against our brother Jacob; the arrogance of our hearts and minds has deceived us, and shame has covered our face. Take away all pride and prejudice in us, and grant that we, together with the people you first made your own, may attain to the fullness of redemption which you have promised; to the honour and glory of your most holy Name. Amen.

The Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada encourages the use of this new collect widely, including in connection with Holocaust Remembrance or in response to anti-Semitic hatred and violence.

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