

**A Form Of Prayer**  
**TO ALMIGHTY GOD**  
**TO BE OFFERED IN**  
**The Cathedral Church Of**  
***St. JAGO DE-LA-VEGA,***

**SPANISH TOWN, JAMAICA,**  
**AND IN ALL THE PARISH CHURCHES OF JAMAICA**

**ON**

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# Order Of Service

While the following hymn is being sung, the procession of clergy and choir shall enter and take their appointed places.

(A. & M. Revised 365)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us,  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In his hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him,  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Then shall the Minister say the following:—

BELOVED IN CHRIST, we have come to this House of God to offer to Him our praise and our thanksgiving that the Royal Assent has been graciously given by Her Majesty the Queen for the establishing within the Commonwealth for all time of an Independent Jamaica. We are therefore gathered to ask His pardon for whatever has been amiss in the past that, refreshed by His cleansing Spirit, we may be the better able to labour for the coming of His Kingdom and its Glory in our day: to seek from God His aid in fulfilling this new purpose that lies before us; and to give ourselves (as in His sight) to do His will in this present call to service. Let us then kneel and together say the Prayer that our Master gave us.



Then shall the Minister and People join together in the Lord's Prayer. After which Psalm 98 shall be sung.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

With His own right hand, and with His holy arm: hath He gotten Himself the victory.

The Lord declared His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and truth toward the house of Israel: and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands: sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp: sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also, and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord: for He is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning. is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be read the Lesson which shall be taken from the sixth chapter of the Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, verses ten to eighteen.

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places. Wherefore take up the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Withal taking up the



shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: With all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

After the Lesson the Minister shall lead the prayers of the people thus:— (the people kneeling)

LET US join in praise before our Father.

For the dawning of this day of Independence — the fruition of the dreams of many years.

For the achievement of our aspirations towards nationhood; and for Thy good hand over us and over our fathers in past ages.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord:

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

For the leadership that Thou hast granted to us, for constant advance in all fields of our national life; and for the assurance of better things to come.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord:

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

For our fellowship in the British Commonwealth of Nations: for the strong ties of affection and loyalty to the Crown that bind us to other members of this Family of Men; and for the deepening sense of vocation that inspires the leaders of the Commonwealth.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord:

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

For all the insistent calls to service and to duty that are about our path: for the growing concern for the care of the young of our land; as well as for the poor and those in distress.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord:

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

For the increasing recognition of the rights of man in all lands: for the sense of ordered liberty that inspires our national life; and for the racial harmony we display to mankind.

*Minister:* Praise ye the Lord:

*People:* The Lord's Name be praised.

Let us sum up these our praises by saying together the General Thanksgiving.



Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; more particularly do we thank Thee for the achievement of Independence by our Island and the call it brings to all Thy people here. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be sung the following hymn:

(A. & M. Revised 579)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

After this hymn shall be preached the Sermon. The Sermon being ended, the Preacher shall from the Pulpit lead the People in the following act of penitence. First shall the Preacher say:—

Since today the call of God sounds in our inner ears for greater devotion to Himself and to His ways in the years that lie before us, let us seek from Him cleansing and pardon for all that is amiss in our lives and in the life of our nation.

Let us pray.

Then shall the Preacher proceed thus:—

FOR OUR failure in the years behind us to seek thy will in all things: for our deafness to Thy calls to service; and for all inhumanity towards the brother for whom Christ died.



*Minister:* Remember not, Lord, our offences:  
*People:* Nor the offences of our forefathers.

For all weakness in honesty and fair-dealing: for neglect of the mind of Thy Son in family relationships; and for any failure to display to all Thy creatures love and care.

*Minister:* Remember not, Lord, our offences:  
*People:* Nor the offences of our forefathers.

For social conditions that are not in accordance with the light of the Gospel: for all spirit of racial pride and arrogance; and for any neglect of the world's burden of pain and misery.

*Minister:* Remember not, Lord, our offences:  
*People:* Nor the offences of our forefathers.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister lead the dedication of the People in the form following:—

LET US dedicate our lives to the service of God and our Country.

To Thee, O Lord, we dedicate ourselves and our country, beseeching Thee to give us grace to live according to Thy will.

*Minister:* Lord, hear our prayer:  
*People:* And let our cry come unto Thee.

For Thy guidance to those who shall be Ministers of the new Independent Jamaica: for Thy enduring aid in overcoming all the difficulties before us; and for a constant supply of fit persons to serve Thee both in Church and State.

*Minister:* Lord, hear our prayer:  
*People:* And let our cry come unto Thee.

For Thy blessing upon all our educational institutions: for Thy grace to all who guide and influence the young; and for Thy support to all who labour for the common good.

*Minister:* Lord, hear our prayer:  
*People:* And let our cry come unto Thee.

That Thou wilt enable our desire to play our full part in the fellowship of nations: that Thou wilt succour our intention fully to develop our agricultural and industrial life; and that Thou wilt bless and strengthen all our endeavours to secure for all Thy people a sufficiency of the needs of life.



*Minister:* Lord, hear our prayer:

*People:* And let our cry come unto Thee.

Grant us, O God, a vision of our land, fair as she might be: a land of justice, where none shall prey on others, a land of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a land of brotherhood, where success shall be founded upon service, and honour shall be given to worth alone; a land of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for their nation, the great mother of the common life and welfare. Hear Thou, O Lord, the silent prayer of all our hearts as in city, town, and village, we pledge our time and strength and thought to hasten the day of her coming beauty and righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us give expression to our desire to dedicate ourselves anew to God's service, by saying together:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest: to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After these prayers shall be sung the following hymn:

(A. & M. Revised 379)

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.



All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

Here shall be sung the National Anthem, and afterwards  
shall the Blessing be given. As the procession of clergy  
and choir leave there shall be sung the following hymn:

(A. & M. Revised 258)

City of God, how broad and far —  
Outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freeman are  
Of every age and clime:

One holy Church, one army strong,  
One steadfast, high intent;  
One working band, one harvest song,  
One King omnipotent.

How purely hath Thy speech come down  
From man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath Thine empire grown  
Of freedom, love, and truth.

How gleam Thy watch-fires through the night  
With never-fainting ray!  
How rise Thy towers, serene and bright,  
To meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock.  
In vain the drifting sands:  
Unharmed upon the eternal Rock  
The eternal city stands.