

# Resources for Worship Services

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## Collects

Holy Creator, you shower your perfect love upon all your lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer children, regardless of where they are from or what their immigration status might be: Grant that we might mirror your love in our own lives and thereby participate in the realization of your kingdom on earth; through the aid of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abides in a heavenly embrace with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. *Amen.*

God of all tenderness, who saw your only Son persecuted and tortured: Help us to see the face of your Son in those who are attacked because of their sexual orientation or gender identity by people who misunderstand and misuse religion or political power, so that we might give witness to your true religion of love; we ask this in the name of your Son, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God of all extravagant gifts, whose creation provides enough for all to flourish: Grant that we might see the blessings that are brought to us by people who have moved to this community, including those who are escaping persecution based on sexual orientation or gender identity, so that we might grow and flourish together; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

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O God, you call us to welcome all your children with equal care: empower us with your Spirit, that we may courageously and sacrificially open our hearts to those seeking a home with us; always give us passion to incarnate justice and blessing for people of every stripe, in particular our LGBTQ siblings who are in grave danger in their native lands. Help us to enfold them in the same loving embrace in which you enfold us and all your creation; through the great savior whose arms stretch to include all, Jesus the Christ.

*Amen.*