Growing Spiritually as an Elder
Collect Prayers

The collect is an ancient prayer form. It is a short petition prayer in five parts — each part is only one line. It is meant to be concise with well chosen words on one theme.

1) The address to God — One of the many names for God
2) A theological statement about God — A describing word about God
3) A request or thanksgiving related to the theological statement
4) A statement of intention or a consequence of the request or thanksgiving
5) Closing

Examples:

O God,
Who art holy,
Make us holy too,
That we may be the persons you intended us to be,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Creating Spirit,
Who lives present in our days,
Help us to notice your goodness each day,
That we might fulfill your purpose for us in gratitude.
In the presence of the holy spirit we pray, Amen.

Additional ideas for collect prayers can be found on the page entitled Column Prayers on this website.