

**BILL NO 1**

**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 2010, the General Synod approved, by the requisite majorities, a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Bill and accompanying Schedule in 2011.

The Bill provides for the amendment of the *Book of Common Prayer* by including, in all future printings thereof, a prayer for Northern Ireland.

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**BILL**

**(at the request of the General Synod)**

**To amend *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)* by including therein a prayer for Northern Ireland**

WHEREAS it is desirable that a prayer for Northern Ireland, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, be included in *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)*, in *The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer*, immediately after *N.I. [A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament ...our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen]* and immediately before *R.I. [A Prayer for the President and all in authority;*

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2011 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. In all future printings of *The Book of Common Prayer (2004)* in the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer there shall be included the prayer for Northern Ireland, as set out in the accompanying Schedule, immediately after *N.I. [A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament ...our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen]* and immediately before *R.I. [A Prayer for the President and all in authority.*

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**SCHEDULE**

A Prayer for Northern Ireland

God of our ancestors, God of our future;  
from whom all authority comes,  
We pray for the legislative assembly and its executive;  
By your gracious help may it give Northern Ireland good governance,  
serve with integrity and seek the common good;  
that all people may live peaceably, and grow in respect for one another;  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**