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The Collect for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Subject	Predicate	Descriptor/What
Do		Draw near	to your servants,
То	O Lord,		
Do		and answer	their prayers with unceasing kindness, that
Accrue	for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide	you may restore	what you have created and
		keep safe	what you have restored.
Through	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.		

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The Collect: "Let us pray" is NOT the cue for the server to get the book. This is the time to offer to God our distractions, our intentions and enter into the Mass. The Collect is meant to collect those prayers and offer them to God.

God draws near to those with a servant's heart.

Glory: gloriantur (Latin), here used as a verb meaning to boast

Restore his creation, keep save what he has restored is our identity.

Let us boast, remembering that "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord." (1 Cor 1:31)

The Lord has done great things for us and we are called to share boast about those good things with others.