

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 3:1-12



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 3:1-12**

Tune our hearts to your quiet comings, O Lord, that we may listen for your voice in the wilderness of this world, and prepare a way to meet you, who came, and who comes, and who is to come again in final glory. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL**

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR REPENTANCE**

Merciful Father, may we never presume upon your mercy and forgiveness, but knowing our transgressions, and lamenting our sin, may we turn in repentance to you, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, through the atoning work of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH’S TASK**

Gracious Lord, we pray for your holy Christian church and its leaders, strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry in these times, that we may faithfully and courageously proclaim the good news of redemption in Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your presence and help, O Lord, for all who are falsely accused, wrongly imprisoned, tortured, and persecuted because of their Christian faith. Strengthen them with an awareness of our solidarity in prayer and of your presence with them, and grant them quick release to resume their life and witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial. Be their refuge and strength and, to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**