

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
 Psalm 49:1-12
 Col 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21

Suggested ReClaim texts
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God and Father, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour out upon us your abundant mercy, forgiving us those things for which our conscience is troubled, and granting us those gifts for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to stand guard over all covetous desires, which yield only sinful deeds. Above all, Lord Jesus, keep us from making false gods of those things we covet, by giving our fear, love, and trust to them, instead of you. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Impart the grace and help of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to all who minister your Word, that they may teach it in its purity to the salvation of all who hear. And bring to nothing the counsel of those who fear your Word and would destroy it, that we may live in peace, learn the riches of your Word, and serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose mercies are new to us every morning, and who, though we in no way deserve your goodness, abundantly provides for all our needs, give us we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your gifts, and serve you in willing obedience. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IMPRISONED FOR THEIR FAITH

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name, that they may be released and restored to life and continue to serve you in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR A BLESSED DEATH

Lamb of God, in the hour of our death confirm in us the free gift of your finished salvation, that trusting in your accomplished work, the adversary may not prevail, and we may remain steadfast in Christ our Savior. 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.**
