

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephsians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, whose power is declared mainly by showing mercy and pity, be merciful to us and grant us such a measure of your grace, that we may run the way of your commandments, obtain your gracious promises, and live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom; through 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 6:35, 41-51**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life that came down out of heaven to give life to the world. Fill our temporal lives with the eternal—with eternal dimensions, eternal values, and eternal qualities, as a foretaste of the eternal life that is to come, and will never end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

By the light of your holy Word, gracious Father, you have brought us to the knowledge of your Son. Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit, that we may ever walk in the light of your truth, rejoicing in Christ our Savior, and come finally to everlasting salvation. 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 in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HOLINESS

O God, your strength is made perfect in human weakness. Put to death in us all immorality and indolence, and grant us, by your strength, purity of life and constancy of faith, that we may give glory to your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for all enemies who denigrate the faith and would deny it any voice in public discourse. By your gracious work make your name known to your adversaries and turn their hearts from error. Strengthen our resolve to stand firm that the gospel may be proclaimed. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. 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.**