

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**

Gracious God and Father, grant that by your Word, your Holy Spirit may prevail and draw us to Jesus in faith, bidding us to believe in him, and thus eat of the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. 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 grace help us to stand firm, that they may be turned from error, and the Gospel find free course. 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.**
