

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Gen 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Heb 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

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

Almighty and everlasting God, without your gift to us in Jesus Christ, we could never render to you true and joyful service. Help us to serve you faithfully in this earthly life, as we hope to serve forever in your heavenly kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Gracious Father, in your good pleasure to give us the Kingdom, you have given us a treasure in the heavens that does not fail. We await with expectation your return and your Kingdom, doing the work you have given us to do, while it is day. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN**

Eternal God, you sent your Son to be the mediator of those good things to come. As you have blessed us in Christ with the foretaste of heaven, may we also, hereafter, know the blessedness of the company of the redeemed with him in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

Merciful God and Father, from you comes all human powers, and you ordained earthy authority for the sake of justice, peace, and good order. Bless your servants, the president of the United States, and the governor of this state. May they, and all who are entrusted with public office, execute their responsibilities as ministers of your commandments. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that under their governance, we may be protected and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and unity. Defend them from danger, O God, that we, and they, may show forth the glory and righteousness of your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.**

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