

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of abundant mercy, 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 afraid, and granting us those gifts 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 (Optional Supplications for)**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 6:51-58**

Lord, hear our prayers and supplications, and grant us such faith in you that we know of nothing else in which to trust for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, except your body broken and your blood shed, and, that having been nourished by faith in your body and blood, we may come at last to life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, serve you in holiness and purity, and give continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR AID IN TEMPTATION

Rule and govern our hearts, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that in every need, and especially in time of temptation, we may seek your help, and by a living faith obtain the same. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

AT THE ENDING OF WW II

Gracious Father, as we observe V-J Day and the ending of World War II this week, a war which ended 67 years ago that many of us have no memory of, we remember again the sacrifices of our military men and women, and pray for those today on active duty, and those returning home. Grant your help and healing, that whatever their need, they may be restored to their waiting families and enjoy the blessings of peace and freedom which they helped secure. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they know your help and comfort. 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.**
