

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Almighty and merciful God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love. And that we may receive what you promise, help us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ your Son, 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 • Matthew 20:1-16**

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously employ us to work in your Kingdom, some in the morning of our youth, some in the midday of our lives, and some when the shadows have lengthened. Assure our hearts that, as your servants, we all shall nevertheless receive the blessings of your goodness and grace. Lord in your mercy,

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

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people. May we serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR FAITHFUL TEACHERS / MINISTERS**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest, give us faithful teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, and we, being instructed and nurtured, comforted and strengthened by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you and beneficial to the mission of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR MISSIONS**

O God, you gave your only Son for the redemption of all people. We pray that from the rising to the setting of the sun, your name may be made known among the nations, and that in every place holy hands may be lifted up to you in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. 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 may receive and 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.**

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