

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Proverbs 25:6-7
 Psalm 112
 Heb 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Suggested ReClaim texts
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious Lord, in your continual mercy cleanse and defend your church. Because it cannot continue in safety without your aid, preserve it always with your help and goodness; 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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Gracious heavenly Father, in Christ you have prepared an eternal salvation for us, and likened it to a great banquet to which we are all invited. Grant us the humility to recognize that the invitation is not based on our achievements, but on your grace and mercy alone. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light upon your church, that being instructed by the teachings of the Apostles we may walk in the light of your truth, and may at last enter into the light of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your gifts of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. 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.**
