

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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

O Lord, keep your church, we pray, in your perpetual mercy and, because the frailty of our nature cannot but fail without you, keep us from all things harmful, and lead us to all things helpful for our salvation; 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 • Matthew 21:23-32**

Gracious God and Father, we do not come easily to repentance. We say "Yes" but then refuse; we say "No" but then recant. Be patient with us and help us to hallow your name, to do your will, and to live for your Kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR CONTENTMENT**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you feed the birds and clothe the lilies, and care for us as a father cares for his children. Guard us against distrust of your care and being overly anxious about our temporal needs. Help us by your Holy Spirit to live for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your Kingdom, and the doing of your will, so that we cast all our cares on you, and with unwavering faith, abide trustingly in you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH**

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may serve you faithfully in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR REPENTANCE**

Merciful Father, may we never willfully sin, presuming upon your forgiveness, but whenever we offend upon your mercy, may we repent, and by faith receive forgiveness for all our sins, for Jesus' sake. 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. 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.

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.**