

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have likened the coming of your eternal Kingdom to a great banquet and invited us all as guests. Grant us the humility to come, knowing that your grace and mercy awaits all who cannot repay you, and who likewise do the same for others. 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.****PRAYER ON LABOR DAY**

Gracious God and Father, on this Labor Day weekend we lift thankful hearts to you, that under your providence and care we enjoy the daily blessings of industry and labor; not alone our food, clothing, and homes, but also the sense of accomplishment and fulfillment which work brings. We ask you to support and sustain the unemployed who look to you in their need, and help us to work also for the common good and the well being of our nation. 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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