

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Lord God, gracious Father, equip your people to withstand the wiles of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 21:33-46**

Lord God, enemies continue to deny you, to martyr your servants, and to scheme against you. Defend your Christendom and the fruit of the Gospel, that the world may enjoy the blessings of your planting in Christ, and taste the wine of your saving grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR OUR ENEMIES**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name. May they gain release and be restored to life and to your service. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.**
