

**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**

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 21:23-32**

Gracious God and Father, we do not come easily to repentance. We say "No" but then recant; we say "Yes," but then refuse. Let your patience and gracious Word in Christ, bring us to repentance, that we may hallow your name, do your will, and live under you in 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 God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
