

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

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 (*Optional Supplications for*)**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 14:25-33**

Lord Jesus Christ, you caution all who would follow you to first count the cost. Help us so to hear your Word today that we are renewed in our calling and empowered to follow you beyond the lesser loyalties of human affection and ambition. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, hear our intercession for those who have left the faith, those who have wandered, or who are in doubt or temptation, through neglect of your Word. Visit them in your fatherly way and show them the error of their way. Bring them safely back that they may again find delight in you and be wise in the way of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR 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.

FOR THE HARVEST SEASON

As the time of harvest approaches, O Lord, we give thanks for your bountiful provisions, and we pray for seasonable weather that in your providence the crops may be safely gathered in without irretrievable damage or loss. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

Good Shepherd, grant that our children may be drawn to you by your compassion and kindness and ever live in the same, so that walking in your ways, they may show forth your praise and be one with us in the confession of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, Comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever their needs they may receive and know your help and comfort. 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.**
