17 Pentecost Year A Color: Green

# **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**

O Lord, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may always direct and rule our hearts; 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

Gracious Father, Lord of Hosts, the enemy defies you, dispatches your servants, and schemes to destroy your Son and the inheritance. Defend us, we pray, and the work of the Gospel, that the world may be held in readiness to receive the fruit of your vineyard and taste the wine of your saving grace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

#### FOR OUR ENEMIES

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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 OUR 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 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.** 

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