



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1--14

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, in your boundless goodness, guard us from all that is harmful, that we, being ready in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which you would have us do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 22:1-14**

Lord Jesus Christ, living Word from the Father, you are the invitation, written in human flesh, for all sinners to come to the banquet of salvation. Let none make light of the invitation, but come in faith, clothed in the garment of a new life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST**

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN**

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 THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word and be kept from all danger. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE**

For those in the holy estate of marriage, we pray that husbands and wives be strengthened in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, and in love toward each other, that they may become of one heart and mind. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. 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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