

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

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**

Eternal and everlasting God, spare us from the threatening perils of civil disobedience, lawlessness, and rioting. Help us to render to Caesar, the submission and loyalty commanded for civil authorities. Then help us also to limit what we render to Caesar, by our primary submission and loyalty to you the Almighty, our Maker and Redeemer. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, may serve you in holiness and purity, and may give you continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR COUNTRY**

Almighty God, you have given us a land in which we are free to read and hear your Word, to confess your name, and to labor together in the work of your Kingdom. We pray that the liberty granted to us may continue to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all the nations of the earth, and to your eternal glory. 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.**

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