

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Suggested ReClaim texts

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Lord, give to your faithful people pardon and peace, that cleansed of all their sins, they may serve you with a quiet mind; 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**

Gracious God and Father, the great commandment requires that which we in heart, mind, and soul, cannot do. Save us from pretending we can, and by your commandment drive us to seek the forgiveness we need in the Savior whom you have provided, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light upon your church, that being instructed by the teachings of the Apostles we may walk in the light of your truth, and may at last enter into the light of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE**

Grant us, heavenly Father, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in your mercy, and a sincere love for you and for our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL**

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. 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, 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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