



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts

Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son, so that by his coming we may be made ready to serve you with pure minds; 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 - "Are You the One?"

Tune our hearts to your quiet comings, O Lord, that we may know you are the Messiah, the promised One, whose coming was sealed before the foundation of the world, and that you bring forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise your holy name, for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You created us and you sustain us. You redeemed us and you sanctify us. You give bread for the body, and refresh our souls with your life-giving Spirit. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in every sorrow, and bless us with more than we can ask or think. To you be glory in the church forevermore. 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 ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given us this time to bring our mutual prayers before you in one accord. You have promised that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of our hearts as you deem appropriate, granting us, in this world, knowledge of you, and in the world to come life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in our military forces, especially _____. Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you refuge, and in Christ mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. 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.**
