

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70

1 Thesslonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Suggested ReClaim texts

(Same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain joyfully; 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 25:1-13**

Lord Jesus Christ, supply our lamps of faith with the oil of your Word, so that on the unexpected day of your coming, we may trim our lamps with joy and expectation, and eagerly accompany you to the eternal banquet. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAITH**

Strengthen us in faith, O Lord, that we may ever more firmly believe the great and precious promises you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and that we may know the blessedness of those who believe there will be fulfillment of all you have promised. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH'S TASK**

Gracious Lord, we pray for your holy Christian church and its leaders. Strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry in these discordant times, that we may faithfully and courageously proclaim the good news of redemption in Christ alone. 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 know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Lord, for all who are persecuted, falsely accused, wrongly imprisoned and tortured for confessing your name. Strengthen them with an awareness of our solidarity with them. Grant them relief from suffering. And give wisdom to the international community in considering how to respond. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**AFTER ELECTION DAY**

Lord God, we pray for all who were recently elected to public office, that they will turn to you for guidance and strength in their tasks, that they may, with your help, bring honor to the office and to the people who entrust it to them. 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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