

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22  
 Psalm 84:1-7  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Luke 18:9-14

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Absolve your people, O Lord, from their offenses, that by your bountiful grace, we may be delivered from the bonds of sin, which our own frailty has brought upon us; 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**

Almighty and everlasting Father, it is the folly of impenitence to stand before you trusting in our selves that we are righteous. Grant us true penitence to come before you always in our nakedness and be clothed by your mercy in Christ. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE MINISTRY**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest. Send us teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, to the salvation and joy of your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR ENEMIES**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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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