

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

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 • Matthew 25:14-30**

O Lord, the earth is yours and all that is in it. You entrust us with the stewardship of your domain. By your Word, enable us to be accountable servants each day, that on the final day we may enter into the joy you have prepared. 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 GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You create and you sustain. You redeem and you sanctify. You give bread for the body and refresh our souls. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in sorrow, and answer us before we can ask. To you be glory forever. 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.**

**FOR OUR NATION**

O God, by your providence you led those who came before us to this land in which they found refuge from oppression and freedom to worship you. We pray that you will always guide our nation in the way of truth and peace, so that we may never fail in the blessing you have promised to the people whose God is the Lord. 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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