



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
II Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:15-19

**Suggested ReClaim text**

Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7  
II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that being ever mindful of the end of all things, and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up now to holiness of living, and hereafter dwell with you forever; 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** (*Optional Supplications for*)

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 19:1-10**

Lord Jesus Christ, searcher of the lost, you found Zaccheus, and restored him to faith as a child of Abraham, the father of all believers. Grant that we, whom you have also found and restored to faith, may declare our salvation with joyful deeds of love. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new spiritual desires and spiritual longings, we are not turned away by any seductions of the world or of the flesh. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED**

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open for them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk in the way of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

Merciful God and Father, bless your servants, the president of the United States, and the governor of this state. May they, and all who are entrusted with public office, execute their responsibilities as ministers of your commandments. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that, by their governance, we may be protected and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and unity. 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 know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE**

Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded that we go into all the world and make disciples. We intercede for all who do not know you, including the Islamic people, praying that all may learn to speak truth to each another in love, and may come to know you as the truth, whose life was given as a ransom for all. 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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