

26 Pentecost

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LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Malachi 4:1-2a,
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has ordained that we endure suffering and death as did our Lord, before we enter eternal glory, grant us such faith that we may always devote ourselves to your holy will, and continue steadfast in the true faith of the Gospel in all seasons, sustained by that peace and hope that you alone give; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 21:5-19

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the assurance that whenever tribulations, trials, persecutions threaten us in this world of rage and barbarism, we will never have to face them alone, but with the sufficiency that you supply, and with the newborn hope that "in my Father's keeping not a hair on my head can be harmed." Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

Grant us, heavenly Father, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in your mercy, and a sincere love for you and for our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR WITNESSES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to go and make disciples. Embolden us as witnesses of your Word. Put your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips, that we, strengthened by your Word, may do those works which you have given us to do while it is day, before night comes and no one can work. 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, imprisoned, and tortured for confessing your name. Strengthen them with an awareness of our bond with them. Grant them inner respite and relief from suffering, and to the international community, wisdom to know how to help. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Almighty God, you have given us this land in which we are free from persecution to hear your Word and confess your name. Help us to safeguard this liberty, that it may belong also to our children's children, and that the proclamation of the Gospel may here abound, to our blessing and the blessing of all nations, and to the glory of your name. 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.**
