

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, the helper of all who are nurtured in your steadfast fear and love, help us to have a constant fear and love of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son 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**

Lord, forbid that we play at religion like sullen children seeking only to find fault. Grant us grace to shoulder your yoke, learn from you, and find rest for our souls. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR NATION**

O God, who by your providence 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 that you have promised to the people whose God is the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

Merciful God and Father, bless your servants, the president of the United States, the governor of this state, and all who are entrusted with public office. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that, by their governance, we may be protected from harm and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and unity. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH**

Good Shepherd, grant that our children may be drawn to you by your compassion and kindness and ever kept in your company, so that walking in your ways, they may show forth your praise and be one with us in the confession of your holy name. 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.**

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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