

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
 Romans 6:12-23  
 Matthew 10:40-42

**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 (Optional Supplications for)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 10:40-42**

Lord Jesus Christ, teach us our task as your emissaries, to know that whoever welcomes us, welcomes not us, but you who sent us; and, that whether we supply a prophetic word, a righteous word, or just a cup of cold water in your name, we will find the promised reward of being emissaries. 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 guide our nation today 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 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 THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Lord, for all who are persecuted, falsely accused, wrongly imprisoned, and tortured for confessing your name. Strengthen them with an awareness of our solidarity with them, and grant them relief in their suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR ENEMIES**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for those who denigrate our faith and deny us the practice of our faith. Grant us strength to stand firm, to speak the truth in love, and to accept the consequences in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their families and resume their daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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