

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4; 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

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.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 4:26-34**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who revealed the inevitable certainty of your kingdom to grow of itself beyond all our expectations. Empower us, Lord, to go forth relying upon the unstoppable power of your Word rather than our own competence. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, their Savior and Lord. Bless them with loving parents and teachers, and keep them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FATHERS**

Gracious Father, we give thanks today for all faithful fathers, those living and those departed, who have given their love, their labor, their lives, to provide physical and spiritual needs for their families. Strengthen and bless fathers today that they may reflect your fatherly goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

We ask for your mercy and blessing upon all who are sick or sorrowing, that they may be restored to health and to joy. Strengthen them with patience and with the comfort of your Word, and sustain them in their distress. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name. May they gain release and be restored to life and to your service. 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.**