

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-14

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Suggested ReClaim texts  
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Father, defender of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is wholesome, and nothing is holy, direct and guide us, that we may use things temporal without losing those things that are eternal; 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****ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Let your Word find good soil and open furrows in our hearts, O Lord, where it will bear fruit abundantly, lest our hardness, shallowness, and distractions make us unreceptive to your Word and fruitless to your Kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HOLINESS**

Lord God, you call your people to be holy as you are holy, to be set apart, for your purposes. Help us to put to death all worldliness and waywardness that would render us useless to the redeeming work of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in the military forces, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you, refuge, and in Christ, mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAITHFUL TEACHERS / MINISTERS**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest, give us faithful teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may preach nothing contrary to your Word; and we, being instructed and nurtured, comforted and strengthened by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you and beneficial to the mission of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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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