

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

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 (*Optional Supplications for*)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 4:35-41**

Gracious God and Father, we bow in awe before your almighty Word, manifest in Jesus and forever speaking in him. Grant that all may hear and know the efficacy of his Word, as did the wind and the wave. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR FATHERS**

Gracious Father, today we honor and give thanks for all fathers who gave and who now give of their love, their labor, their lives to provide the physical and spiritual needs of their families. Inspire them with your love and wisdom that they may continue to be instruments of your fatherly goodness and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new spiritual desires and spiritual longings, we are not turned away by any seductions of the world or of the flesh. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR CONTENTMENT**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you feed the birds and clothe the lilies. Forgive our distrust of your fatherly care, and our anxious concern for temporal needs. By your Holy Spirit, direct us to live instead for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your kingdom, and the doing of your will. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FROM CALAMITY AND ATTACK**

Lord God, heavenly Father, the warfare of terrorists continues and grows, threatening also our own shores. We pray for relief for all who suffer its inhumanity, and implore your providence, that justice and mercy, wisdom and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE SICK**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless 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.**