

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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

Almighty God, make the minds of your faithful people into one will. Grant that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may remain where true joys abound; 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 • John 13:31-35**

Lord Jesus Christ, whose glory it was to give yourself in love for our sins, and whose commandment it was that we love one another as you have loved us, help us each day to learn to love as we have been loved, selflessly and forgivingly, so that all may know we are your disciples. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR LOVE**

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with love, the greatest of all your gifts, without which our deeds accomplish nothing, and we are as noisy gongs and clanging cymbals before you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR MOTHERS**

Heavenly Father, bless all mothers who adopt or give birth to children, and who nurture them in the bonds of family love. Grant them joy and wisdom in their ministry and the assurance of your ready help and blessings. 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 our enemies who denigrate our faith and deny us any place in public discourse. Grant us strength to stand firm and to speak the truth in love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR SPRING AND PLANTING**

We give thanks, O Lord, for spring and summer, for seed and soil, for sunshine and showers, for farms and farmers, and above all, for life and growth from your hand. Make us good caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer..**IN TIME OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER (*If applicable*)**

Heavenly Father, you encourage us to cast all our cares upon you, knowing your fatherly care and help. We pray for rain and for restoration to seasonable weather, that the earth may yield its fruits, and all things living may find their life's sustenance. 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.**
