

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 55:10-113

Psalm 65:9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Almighty God, grant that the affairs of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your church may joyfully serve you in quiet holiness; 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 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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 GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Lord, you have caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May we so hear, read, learn, and understand them that, by the enduring guidance of your Word, our hearts may lay firm hold upon the hope you have given us of eternal life. 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 RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open for them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk in the way of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they may know your help and comfort. 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.

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.**
