

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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****ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Almighty God and Father, the power of evil and of the evil one continually assault your kingdom and seek our ill. Enable us to withstand them knowing that, in your time, you will deliver us from evil and take us to yourself forever. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR A BLESSED DEATH**

Sustain us, O Lord, in the hour of our death, and by your Word strengthen us with your saving grace that the adversary not prevail against us, and we be found worthy of everlasting life through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR PEACE**

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your defense, never fear the power of any adversary, but live in the peace of knowing your strength and presence. 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 THE SICK**

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. 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.**