

**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**

Most gracious Lord, you have prepared for those who love you such things as surpass our understanding. Fill our hearts with such love for you that, loving you above all else, we may be heirs of your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 13:24-30, 36-43**

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, believing that the final victory has already been won, and that in your time, you will deliver us from evil and take us to yourself forever. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL**

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR PATIENCE**

Lord Jesus Christ, by patient endurance and trust in the Father, you triumphed over evil and adversity. Help us to treasure what you have borne in patience for our sake, and to learn from you, to endure evil and prevail with patience and trust in our heavenly Father. 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. 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.**

**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 those who denigrate our faith and deny us the practice of our faith. Grant us strength to stand firm, to speak the truth in love, and to accept the consequences in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**