

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord, you bid us enter the Kingdom, find its hidden treasure, and know its supreme worth. We pray that all people will find its true joys and surpassing worth, before you come again as Judge. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grant to us the gift of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, for which you taught us to pray, that he may regenerate our hearts by your saving Word, and lead us into all truth, and that he may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort, and sanctify us for eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PARENTS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

Gracious God, in Christ you chose us, in baptism you adopted us. Bless all parents who choose and adopt children. Grant them wisdom and patience, and enrich them with your enabling love. 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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