

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

i Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:44-52

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

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good gifts, graft into our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with your goodness, and by your great mercy keep us in the same; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 13:44-52**

Lord, you bid us enter the Kingdom, find its hidden treasure, and know its supreme worth. Make us faithful messengers of the Gospel, that all people may find its true joys and surpassing worth, before you come again to judge and the day of grace is over. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR REPENTANCE**

Merciful Father, may we neither presume upon your mercy nor assume we have forgiveness, but knowing our transgressions, and lamenting our sin, may we turn to you in repentance, and by faith claim the promise of forgiveness of all our sins, through the atoning work of Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD**

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, 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.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THEIR 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, grant them relief from suffering, and give wisdom to the international community in considering how to respond. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER**

Almighty God, we thank you for this time to bring our mutual prayers before you with one accord. You have promised that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are with them always. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of our hearts as you deem appropriate, granting us, in this world, knowledge of you, and in the world to come life everlasting. 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.**

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