

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Almighty God, your never-failing providence directs everything in heaven and on earth. Remove from us all harmful things, and give us those that are wholesome; 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 14:13-21**

Lord Jesus Christ, in whom the weary find rest and the hungry are fed, supply your church as you supplied your disciples, with the bread that comes down from heaven, that we may feed the multitudes in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR CONTENTMENT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you feed the birds and clothe the lilies. Forgive our distrust of your fatherly care, and our anxious concern for temporal needs. By your Holy Spirit, direct us to live instead for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your kingdom, and the doing of your will. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise your holy name, for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You create us, and you sustain us. You redeem us and you sanctify us. You give bread for the body and you refresh our souls with your life-giving Spirit. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in every sorrow, and bless us with more than we can ask or think. To you be glory in the church forevermore. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE

Lord God, we pray that husbands and wives be strengthened in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, and in love toward each other, that they may become of one heart and mind. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Merciful God and Father, bless your servants, the president of the United States, and the governor of this state. May they, and all who are entrusted with public office, execute their responsibilities as ministers of your commandments. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that, by their governance, we may be protected and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O God, we give you heartfelt thanks that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. Amen. **Amen.**
