

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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 • Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

O Lord, you send us to a world where our human resources are quickly exhausted by the tasks at hand. Direct us, as you did your disciples, to quiet places alone with you, where there is rest and renewal, and we are reengaged with the spiritual gifts you alone provide. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITHFUL TEACHERS / MINISTERS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest. Enrich us with faithful teachers and preachers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may teach and preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, that we being instructed by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

Lord of the nations, you commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. May we build upon the labors of those who went before us, and may those who follow us, be able to build upon our labors, that we with them, and they with us, may fulfill your command. 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 unity. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their waiting families and resume their normal lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they know your help and comfort. 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.**