

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Grant to us, O God, our heavenly Father, the ability to think and to do those things that are right, so that by your help we may be able to live according to your will; 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 • 14:22-33**

Lord Jesus Christ, the ill winds of adversity so easily turn our little faith into great fear, and we no longer recognize your presence. When fears assail, may we listen for your voice, trust and obey your Word, and find again that you truly are the Son of God, our Savior. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. 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 may know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE 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 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 families and resume their daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, 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.**

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.**