

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

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 • John 6:1-21**

Lord Jesus Christ, with five loaves and two fish you spread a table in the wilderness, feeding five thousand—we know not how. As guests of your table, we confess that you are the bread of life, which came down from heaven, and gives life to the world. Bless the ministry of your church, which you commanded to distribute this bread, so that all who from you do eat, may from you be satisfied. 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.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE MINISTRY

Almighty God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you gave the Apostles many excellent gifts with which to feed your flock. Bless all teachers and ministers of your Word with diligence in proclaiming your Word, and your people with diligence in following the same. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPRING AND PLANTING

We give thanks, O Lord, for spring and summer, for seed and soil, for sunshine and showers, for farms and farmers, and above all, for life and growth from your hand. Make us good caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial. Be their refuge and strength and, to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. 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.**