



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

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 • Luke 10:38-42

Lord Jesus Christ, in the midst of life's incessant demands, you summon us to stillness and single mindedness. Teach us to choose the one thing needful, and to find that which can never be taken from us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new spiritual desires and spiritual longings, we are not turned away by any seductions of the world or of the flesh. 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 UNITY OF THE FAITH

Gracious Father, you restore those who err, and gather those who stray. Preserve your church in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Pour out upon it your gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united with the true Shepherd, may serve and worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.

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.**
