

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Suggested ReClaim texts

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Romans 15:4-13
Luke 21:25-33



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son, so that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds: through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 RCL GOSPEL READING • Luke 3:1-6

Lord Jesus Christ, John came to awaken expectation and direct preparation for your advent, and his message continues to awaken and prepare our hearts today. Help us to hear and heed his cry in the wilderness, and open a way for your coming into our lives today. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • Luke 21:25-33

O Lord, tune our hearts to anticipate the glorious future that awaits us in your final coming, when sin, death, and all evil will be destroyed, and your name will be honored, your kingdom come, and your will is done. Help us to wait patiently and joyfully, knowing that eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may always truly thank you for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. 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 safety and freedom, and grant us your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

O God, you gave your only Son for the redemption of all people. We pray that from the rising to the setting of the sun, your name may be proclaimed to the nations, and that in every place holy hands may be lifted up to you in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Almighty God, you have given us this land in which we are free to hear your Word and confess your name. Safeguard this liberty, that it may continue to our children's children, and that the proclamation of the Gospel may here abound, to our blessing and the blessing of all nations, and to the glory of your name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
