

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts

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Matthew 25:1-13

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have knit together in one communion and fellowship the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in virtuous and godly living that we may know the unspeakable joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 25:1-13**

Lord Jesus Christ, fuel our lamps of faith today and always with the oil of your Word, so that on the day of your unexpected coming, we will be ready to greet you with a joyous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may live according to it, and evermore increase in faith, hope, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE DEPARTED

We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awoken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD

Lord of the nations, gathered before your throne are people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation, many of whom do not know you. Give to your church an evangelical passion to tell the news of Jesus, and readily offer our prayers, our gifts, and ourselves, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, 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, 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.**
