

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, you desire not the death of sinners, but that they turn from their waywardness and live. Create in us clean and contrite hearts that, acknowledging our sins and lamenting our wretchedness, we may receive from you, merciful Father, full remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant that in this season of Lent, we may be drawn to you in humility and sincerity, and, abandoning all religious pretense and display, know the reward of seeking you in truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR STEADFASTNESS**

Heavenly Father, in your love for sinners you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to continue steadfast in this faith to the end, that we may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL**

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose way is always to have mercy, we pray for those who have erred and gone astray from the truth of your holy Word. Bless them with your fatherly correction, and bring them to see the error of their way, that they may again accept, firmly hold, and be sanctified in truth. 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 made known among 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 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 receive and know your help and comfort. 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, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**