

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly King, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth your right hand to defend us from all adversaries who rise up against us; 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

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Lord Jesus Christ, led by the Spirit and tempted by the devil; unlike Adam, you took refuge in obedience and prevailed. In our times of testing, enable us to seek safety in what is written, lest like Adam, we trust frail flesh and fail. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR AID IN TEMPTATION

Rule and govern our hearts, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that in every daily need, and especially in time of temptation, we may seek your help, and by a living faith obtain the same. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR REPENTANCE

Merciful Father, may we never willfully sin, presuming upon your forgiveness, but whenever we offend upon your mercy, may we repent, and by faith receive forgiveness for all our sins, for Jesus' sake. 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 give thanks always 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 OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in the military forces, especially _____. Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you, refuge, and in Christ, mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. 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.**