

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 (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 4:1-11

Lord Jesus Christ, tempted by the devil but led by the Spirit, you took refuge in obedience and prevailed. Help us, when so tempted, to seek refuge in what is written, lest like Adam we trust our own flesh and fail. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DAILY RENEWAL

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to become man, to take our nature upon himself, and to defeat sin and death not in his own divinity but in our mortality. Grant that we, who have been made alive in him, and have been made your sons and daughters by grace, may daily accept the cross as his disciples and fulfill your holy will. 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 to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. 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 love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. 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, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**
