

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father of mercies, hear our prayer, and that we may obtain those things for which we pray, help us to ask for those things that please you; 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, whatever people may opine, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, revealed by the Father. On this confession your church will stand, and withstand the powers of death and hell.

Embolden our confession, and empower our ministry, to loose the penitent from their sin, and proclaim release in your name. 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 GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the sacrifice for sin and the example of a godly life. Enable us to receive always the benefits of his sacrifice with thanksgiving, and to follow the example of his most holy life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MORNING

O Lord, King of heaven and earth, reign in our hearts and minds this day, and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds by your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

O God, you restore those in error. Gather those who stray and preserve all that are gathered. Grant to all Christian people the gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united to its true Shepherd, may worthily serve you. 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, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**