



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Rev 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we pray that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may bring forth its fruits in our life and conversation; through the same, 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

FOR FAITH

Increase our faith, O Lord, that we may ever more firmly believe the great and precious promises you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and may we never need to be reproved for our little faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, you equip your saints for the work of ministry. Pour out upon us the fullness of your varied gifts and the power to use them to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. 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.

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 awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. 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.**
