

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**

Almighty God, whose power is declared mainly by showing mercy and pity, be merciful to us and grant us such a measure of your grace, that we may run the way of your commandments, obtain your gracious promises, and live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom; 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 16:13-20**

Lord Jesus Christ, whatever opinion we may hold, you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, sent by him to save sinners. On this rock you build your church, to prevail over death and hell. Renew your church, embolden our confession, and empower our voice, that the world may believe and know, you indeed are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR STEADFASTNESS**

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to stand steadfast in this faith to the end, and rejoice, hereafter, in its fullness in everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE CHURCH**

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. 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 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 proclaimed to 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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
