

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord Jesus Christ, we presume that to live for self is to gain the world. Summon us anew to take up our cross, follow you, and die to the world; for it is in losing our life for your sake that we will find it. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your gifts of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HOLINESS

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all immoral conduct, and so strengthen us by your grace, that by the purity of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we give glory to your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, hear our intercession for those who have left the faith, those who have wandered, or who are in doubt or temptation, through neglect of your Word. Visit them in your fatherly way and show them the error of their way. Bring them safely back that they may again find delight in you and be wise in the way of life eternal. 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.**