

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Rev 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God, shine your light of truth on those who are in error, so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant that all who are gathered into the fellowship of the risen Lord, may refrain from those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow those things that are agreeable to the same; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****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, and that in steadfast faith we may serve you, and in the confession of your name, abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE CONFIRMANDS**

Gracious Father, always multiplying your church, always strengthening the hearts of those whom you regenerate, confirming to them your promises and faithfulness, grant to our confirmands an increase of both faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and heartily renew their covenant with you daily. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR MISSIONS**

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us, and all your people, to be messengers of the good news, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O Lord, we give you heartfelt thanks that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by your Holy Spirit and for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

**Amen.**

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