

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

God of abundant mercy, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour out upon us your abundant mercy, forgiving us those things for which our conscience is afraid, and granting us those gifts which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits of 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 • Matthew 16:21-28

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive our sinful presumption that we will find life abundant by choosing to live for self. Whisper to us anew today the wonderful words of life, namely that life abundant is found by faith in you, that follows the way of the cross, and puts to death a life lived for self. 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, we pray for those who have left the faith, who have wandered, or who are in doubt or temptation, through neglect of your Word. Visit them with your fatherly goodness that they may again find delight in you and in the way that is 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 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.
