

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

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 18:15-20

Lord Jesus Christ, reconciler of sinners, when we sin against and offend one another, teach us how to restore and be restored; to prevail over personal offenses and to know your presence in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with love, the greatest of all your gifts, without which our deeds accomplish nothing, and we are as lifeless before you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

Gracious Lord, we pray for deliverance from sin, that in your mercy we may not only be set free from its power, but rescued from its consequences. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

O God, you restore those in error. Gather those who stray and preserve all that are gathered. Grant to all Christian people the gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united to its true Shepherd, may worthily serve you. 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.

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.**
