



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, make the minds of your faithful people into one will. Grant that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may remain where true joys abound; 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

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 OUR MILITARY

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in the military forces, especially _____ . Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you, refuge, and in Christ, mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD

Lord of the nations, before you stand people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation, many of whom do not know you. Renew in your church the urgency to tell the good news of salvation and to readily offer our prayers, our gifts, and ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPRING/PLANTING

We give you thanks, O Lord, for spring: for seed and soil, for sunshine and showers, for farms and farmers, and above all, for the miracle of your hand providing life and growth. May we be responsible caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. 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.**
