

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

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

Suggested ReClaim texts  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful and gracious Father, by your self-giving gift to us in Jesus Christ, you have unbound us to render true and laudable service. Grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life, that we fail not finally to attain your heavenly promises; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 18:15-20**

Lord Jesus Christ, how easily we cause offense and take offense, and ignore the work of amendment. Teach us to restore and be restored, to prevail over sinful enmity, and thereby to disclose your reconciling presence among us. 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 FAITH**

O God, you restore those in error, gather those who stray, and preserve all whom you gather. Grant to all your church the gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and we, united to our true Shepherd, may faithfully 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 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.**

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