

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful and gracious Father, only because of your self-giving gift to us in Jesus Christ can we render to you true and laudable service. Help us to faithfully serve you in this mortal life, and forever in your heavenly kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 18:21-35**

Lord, teach us to be merciful to others as you have been merciful to us. Help us forgive our debtors their paltry debt, as you have forgiven us our preponderant debt. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grant to us the gift of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, for which you taught us to pray, that he may regenerate our hearts by your saving Word, and lead us into all truth, and that he may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort, and sanctify us for eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

O Lord, sanctify and direct our lives in the ways of your will and the works of your commandments, that being under your guidance and protection we may be preserved in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PARDON

God of mercy, hear the prayers of all who seek pardon for their sins, and bestow upon them both pardon and peace for Jesus' sake. 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, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. 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.

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.**
