



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Gensis 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**

Almighty and merciful God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love. And that we may receive what you promise, help us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ your Son, 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 18:21-35**

Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to be merciful to others as you are merciful to us, so that we will forgive others their paltry debts as you forgave our preponderant debts. 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**

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those on active duty at home and away, those awaiting orders, those needing care, those discharged or retired. Grant your help and healing whatever their needs. May our world be restored to 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 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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