



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Rev 21:10, 22—22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Father, author of all good gifts, help us by your Spirit to think those things that are right, and with your gracious help to perform the same; 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 GRADUATES

We rejoice, O Lord, with all who are now graduating from educational institutions and commend them to your gracious care. We pray that as the road of life continues to unfold before them, they will walk in the covenant you made with them in baptism, and in the company of your holy church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNBORN

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of birth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE

Bless husbands and wives in the holy estate of marriage. Strengthen them in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Walk with them in all trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, in fellowship with your church, and in faithful service to one another, that they may enjoy your blessings always. 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 THE WORD

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you also gather your Christian church. We humbly ask you to grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**