



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Eph 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, everlasting God, help us to have always a devout will towards you, and the desire to serve your sovereign purposes with a pure heart; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FOR STEADFASTNESS

Heavenly Father, in your love for sinners you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to continue steadfast in this faith to the end, that we may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR CONTENTMENT

Protect us, O Lord, from distrust of your Fatherly care, whenever we become overly anxious about our earthly needs, and direct us anew to live for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your Kingdom, and the doing of your will. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PEACE

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your defense, never fear the power of any adversary, but live in the peace of knowing your strength and presence. 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.**
