

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Deut 30:15-20
 Psalm 1
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

Suggested ReClaim texts
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Lord, we pray that your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may be given to good works; 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**

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you as disciples. You have set before us inescapable choices between you and everything else we want in life. May your Word continually teach us, so that when we must choose, we already have committed our hearts to follow faithfully our only Lord and Savior, no matter what the cost. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Lord, grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, and to walk with him on the path that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us, and all your people, to be messengers of the good news, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Grant healing to all who are ill and who call upon you in their need. Assure them of your watchful care and keeping, and deliver them from infirmity. We name them now in our hearts before you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who has given us a land in which we are free to read and hear your Word, to confess your name, to labor together in the work of your Kingdom, we pray that the liberty granted to us may continue to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all the nations of the earth, and to your eternal glory. 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.**
