

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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

Lord God, gracious Father, equip your people to withstand the wiles of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 8:27-38**

Gracious God and Father, you sent your Son to suffer death for our salvation and, by his example, teach the way of the cross. Grant that for Jesus' sake we continue to walk the way of the cross, and confess by our example, that he is the Christ. 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. Summon us and all your people to be winsome messengers of the Good News to all whom we meet and to all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH**

Gracious Father, you restore those who err, and gather those who stray. Preserve your church in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Pour out upon it your gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united with the true Shepherd, may serve and worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name. May they gain release and be restored to life and to your service. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY**

Merciful God and Father, bless your servants, the president of the United States and the governor of this state. May they, and all who are entrusted with public office, execute their responsibilities as ministers of your commandments. Grant them wisdom and understanding so that, by their governance, we may be protected and directed in the way of righteousness, peace, and unity. 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.**
