

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Psalm 54
 James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

Suggested ReClaim texts
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may always direct and rule our hearts; 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 9:30-37**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have received us as your children in Holy Baptism. By your Spirit, turn us from self-seeking ambition and self aggrandizement, and direct us to live instead for those who can neither repay us nor enhance our lives in return. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING 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.

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 THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, everlasting God, you gave your only Son to be the mediator of good things to come. Grant that we, your servants, may hereafter share in the blessed company of the redeemed. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word and be kept from all danger. 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.**
