

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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

Almighty and merciful God, in your boundless goodness, guard us from all that is harmful, that we, being ready in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which you would have us do; 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 9:38-50**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that the Kingdom is not without cost, but is worthy of any sacrifice. Keep us from the wastelands of hell, where all that causes sin will be met with unquenchable destruction. Strengthen us daily to sever that which we already know will lead only to sin and destruction. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Almighty God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, serve you in holiness and purity, and give continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP**

Heavenly Father, enable us to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable in your sight. Let your Holy Spirit lead us in knowledge and obedience to your Word, that we may come to eternal life now and forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FROM CALAMITY & ATTACK,**

Gracious God and Father, you have taught us that unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen guard it in vain. Watch over us as we face the threat of terrorists from within and abroad. Be our shield and refuge from mindless destruction, and the savagery of sin. We ask not because we are deserving but because you have taught us to pray for our daily bread and promised always to hear. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR HOLINESS**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness. Lord God, you call your people to be holy, in order to serve your redeeming purposes for the world. Take from us all worldliness and waywardness that renders us useless to your purposes, and renew us in holiness. 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.**

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