

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Lord, give to your faithful people pardon and peace, that cleansed of all their sins, they may serve you with a quiet mind; 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 10:2-16**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that we receive and enter the kingdom only by a childlike faith.

Grant us such trust in you and in your loving purposes, that we may always be open to your leading, and trust your Word, especially in matters of consequence like marriage and home. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, their Savior and Lord. Bless them with loving parents and teachers, and keep them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light upon your church, that being instructed by the teachings of the Apostles we may walk in the light of your truth, and may at last enter into the light of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE

For those in the holy estate of marriage, we pray that husbands and wives be strengthened in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, and in love toward each other, that they may become of one heart and mind. 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 daily claim your promised grace. And to all who commune at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.**