

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we pray that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may bring forth its fruits in our life and conversation; through the same, Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 • John 20:19-31

Risen and reigning Lord, breathe on your church the Holy Spirit, and embolden us to proclaim your resurrection and the forgiveness of sin in your name absolving the penitent, and calling the impenitent to repentance and faith. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS

Lord God, you equip your people for ministry with unique and diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pour out upon us the fullness of your diverse gifts, and the power to use them always to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR A BLESSED DEATH

Lamb of God, In the hour of our death confirm in us the free gift your finished salvation, that trusting in your accomplished work, the adversary may not prevail, and we remain steadfast in Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPRING AND PLANTING

We give thanks, O Lord, for spring, for seed and soil, for sunshine and showers, for farms and farmers, and above all, for life and growth from your hand. Make us good caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they may receive and know your help and comfort. 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.**