

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
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 Lord and Savior, by your Holy Spirit breathe new life into your church and embolden our witness to your glorious resurrection that penitent sinners may be absolved, and all who have not seen you will yet believe. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH'S TASK

Gracious Lord, we pray for the holy Christian church and its leaders, that you will strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry that it may faithfully declare the good news of redemption from all sin, death, and the power of the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS

Lord Jesus Christ, you equip your saints for the work of ministry. Pour out upon us the fullness of your varied gifts and the power to use them to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITHFUL TEACHERS / MINISTERS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest. Enrich us with faithful teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may teach and preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, that we, being instructed by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you. 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.

FOR THOSE DEPARTED

We give thanks everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith, and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly ask that with them we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awoken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. 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.**
