

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our Father, in ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities and dangers to the body, and from all evil thoughts that assault and hurt the soul; through 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 • Mark 8:31-38

Lord Jesus Christ, by your own self-denial, sacrifice, and death, you have taught us the way of the cross. Help us to take up our cross and follow, knowing that whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for your sake and the gospel's will save it. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

O God, for those who love you, all things work together for good. Fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new desires and holy longings, we are not turned aside by any temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may be raised to life everlasting. 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. May we serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not desire the death of a sinner, but that the sinner repent and live. We pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may be turned from false idols to the true and living God, that they may know him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church. 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.**
