

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, true discernment in all things, that we may continually rejoice in his holy counsel; 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 • Matthew 10:24-39

Lord Jesus Christ, you are maligned and hated still. Your name brings derision and division still, even within families. And yet you call us to have no fear, to endure the cross and to follow. Grant us courage born from the confidence that all who lose their life for your sake will find it. 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 THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may rule and direct us according to your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. 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 the miracle of your hand providing life and growth. Help us all to be good caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word and be kept from all danger. 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 in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**