LECTIONARY TEXTS
RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

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, and may we 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 • Mark 3:20-35
    Lord Jesus Christ, by your abundant mercy and bountiful grace all sins and blasphemies are forgiven.
    Teach us to so dread hardness of heart and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, that we turn away from re-
    peated resistance to your Word which would lead us there. Lord in your mercy,
    Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT
    Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may direct us according to your will, comfort us in all
    afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, steadfast in faith, may ever increase
    in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
    Hear our prayer.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN
    Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray "deliver us from evil." By your continual light and leading, free us from
    sin's power and rescue us from its mortal consequences to body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,
    Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE
    Lord of creation and life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers
    who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. 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
    Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial. Be their refuge and strength
    and, to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. 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.

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