

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, in your abundant mercy and bountiful grace all sins and blasphemies will be forgiven. Deliver us, we pray, from repeated resistance to your Word, which leads to hardness of heart and sin against the Holy Spirit. 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.**
