

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 121
 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
 Luke 18:3-8

Suggested ReClaim texts
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain joyfully; 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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord Jesus Christ, you see how difficult it is for us to be persistent in faith and how easily we lose heart. So that there will be faith on earth when you return, empower us to be persistent and persevering against the unrighteous of this world, who neither fear God nor regard man. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grant us Lord, the gift of the Holy Spirit, for which you taught us to pray, that he may regenerate our hearts by your saving Word, and lead us into all truth. May he may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort and sanctify us for eternal 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 WHO ARE IMPRISONED

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name, that they may be released and restored to life and continue to serve you in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Gracious Father, you always strengthen the hearts of those whom you regenerate, confirming in them your promise and faithfulness. Grant that our confirmands may grow in faith and knowledge of your Word, that they may rejoice and daily live in their baptism. 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, and 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.**
