



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and breathe upon the church militant your saving peace; 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, unless we continue in your Word, we remain in our old bondage, never searching for the truth that can set us free. Help us to continue in your Word and to be established in our holy faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

By the blessed light of your divine Word, gracious Father, you have led us to the knowledge of your Son. Replenish in us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of your truth, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ our Savior, and be brought to everlasting salvation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD**

Almighty and everlasting God, who does not desire the death of a sinner but that all repent and live, we pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may turn from false deities to the true and living God, and to him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church to give glory to your name. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. 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.**