

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who by the humiliation of your Son raised up a fallen world, give to your faithful people continual gladness, and make those whom you have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, partakers of eternal joy; through the same, 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 • Luke 24:36b-48

Risen Lord, unseen yet always present, open the minds of your faithful people to understand the Scriptures, and empower them to proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in your name. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Lord, you have caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May we so hear, read, learn, and understand it that, by the enduring guidance of your Word, our hearts may lay firm hold upon the hope you have given us of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new spiritual desires and spiritual longings, we are not turned away by any seductions of the world or of the flesh. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR EARTH DAY

Creator God, gracious Father, though we in no way deserve your goodness, yet you abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. As we commemorate Earth Day we heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, and give thanks for the awesome splendor of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their waiting families and resume their normal lives. 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.**