

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, hear the earnest desires of your humble servants who call upon you, and stretch out your right hand in majesty to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 • John 2:13-22**

Lord Jesus Christ, zeal for your Father's house brought calamity upon you, as it did upon the prophets before you, and upon the saints who followed. We boldly ask that the Holy Spirit ignite in us the flame of zeal, making us intolerant of everything that would make our Father's house, a house of trade. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HOLINESS**

Lord God, you call your people to be holy as you are holy, to be set apart for your purposes. Help us to put to death all worldliness and waywardness that would render us useless to the redeeming work of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

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. May they gain release and be restored to life and to your service. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. 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.**