

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4; 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, the helper of all who are nurtured in your steadfast fear and love, help us to have a constant fear and love of your holy name; 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 • Mark 4:26-34

Lord Jesus Christ, you foretold the inevitable growth of the Kingdom would be beyond all our expectations. Help us to claim the promise, and go forth trusting not in our own competence, but in the unstoppable power of your Word to accomplish that for which you sent it. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, their Savior and Lord. Bless them with loving parents and teachers, and keep them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD

Lord of the nations, before your throne are people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation, many of whom do not know you. Give to your church an undying passion to tell the good news of Jesus, that we may readily give of our prayers, our gifts, and ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

We ask for your mercy and blessing upon all who are sick or sorrowing, that they may be restored to health and to joy. Strengthen them with patience and with the comfort of your Word, and sustain them in their distress. 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 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.**
