

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, shine your light of truth on those who are in error, so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant that all who are gathered into the fellowship of the risen Lord, may refrain from those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow those things that are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Good Shepherd, living Lord, we hear your voice and follow; the voice of a stranger we will not follow. We know that you alone are the door by whom we enter the eternal fold, for you alone call us by name. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Almighty God our heavenly Father, whose way is always to have mercy, we pray for those who have erred and gone astray from the truth of your holy Word. Bless them with your fatherly correction, and bring them to see the error of their way, that they may again accept, firmly hold, and be sanctified in truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR CONTENTMENT

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you feed the birds and clothe the lilies, and you care for us as a father cares for his children. Guard us against distrust of your care and being overly anxious about our temporal needs. Help us by your Holy Spirit to live for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your kingdom, and the doing of your will, so that we cast all our cares on you, and with unwavering faith, abide trustingly in you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us and all your people to be messengers of the Good News, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.**
