

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

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 (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 10:11-18

Our trust is stayed on you, O risen Savior, as our true Shepherd. You laid down your life for us, and took it up again, cancelling forever the charges of sin and death that stood against us. Grant that through your Word, we may ever know you more intimately as you know each of us by name. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open to them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk again on the way to life eternal. 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 MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, bless all mothers who adopt or give birth to children, and who nurture them in the bonds of family love. Grant them the joy of knowing that their labor of love is pleasing in your sight and will bear its fruit. 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.**
