

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

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 10:22-30

Risen Lord and Savior, no longer do we ask whether you are the Christ whom the Father sent, for the Father has born witness, raising you from the dead. Shepherd now all who hear your voice and follow you, that we may know in this life the foretaste of eternal life that is to come. 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 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

We ask your mercy and help, O Lord, for all who are persecuted, falsely accused, imprisoned, and tortured for confessing your name. Strengthen them with an awareness of our bond with them. Grant them relief from suffering, and to the international community, wisdom to know how to help. 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.

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.**
