

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, our lives are set in the midst of many and great dangers, all known to you. Because our frailty cannot always withstand them, grant us such strength and protection as will support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 1:21-28**

Lord Jesus Christ, we walk in danger all the way and must contend with powers for whom we are no match. Help us by your Word to see in you that One stronger has come and overcome, even though we are still being molested by an already vanquished enemy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility that, on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

IN TIMES OF ILLNESS

We bring to you, gracious Father, the needs of all who are sick, suffering, and dying. Enfold them in your compassion as they look to you for help. Grant wisdom and strength to all who render aid, and to all a sure hope of your help and final deliverance. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM TERRORISM

Unless you, O Lord, are watching over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. We give thanks, merciful Father, that you have spared us from further terrorism and violence. May your goodness lead us to repent from trusting in the arm of flesh. Revive us, we pray, and restore us to the path of being a nation whose God is the Lord. 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.**
