

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:17-21  
John 15:1-8

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, make the minds of your faithful people into one will. Grant that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may remain where true joys abound; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 15:1-8**

Risen Savior and Lord, keep us all grafted into you, as branches to the vine, that we may be fruitful in every good work, show ourselves to be your disciples, and thereby give glory to our Father in heaven.  
Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH**

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may serve you faithfully in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CONFIRMANDS**

Gracious Father, grant to our confirmands an awareness of your nearness in their lives, that they may be open to new desires and holy longings from you, and grow in faith and knowledge of your Word, and your will for them. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE**

Lord of creation and life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN**

Merciful Father, you send the rain upon the just and the unjust and satisfy the desire of every living thing. In this time of planting and growth we give thanks for the gift of life sustaining rains you send to refresh the earth, and nurture every living thing. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER**

Almighty God and Father, you know our needs before we can ask. When we do not know what to ask, have compassion on our weakness and those things for which, in our unworthiness we dare not ask, as well as those things, which in our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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.**

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