Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 Suggested ReClaim texts (same)

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COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, keep your church and household steadfast in the true faith, that leaning only upon the hope of your saving grace, we may be defended always by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Series B

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:29-39

Lord Jesus Christ, by your word you revealed your glory, healing the sick and dispersing the demonic. Grant your church perpetual healing and cleansing from your Word. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, may serve you in holiness and purity, and may give you continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HEALING PROFESSION

O God, the great physician, we pray for doctors, nurses, and all who care for the sick and dying. We give thanks for their ministry of mercy, and pray that you will bless them with the gifts of wisdom, strength, and compassion that they may be a blessing to all in their care. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word and be kept from all danger. 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.**
