

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Gal 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, grant that the affairs of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your church may joyfully serve you in quiet holiness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Gracious Lord, our enthusiasm to follow you is often replaced with excuses when we give other matters priority. Strengthen our faith and commitment by your Word, so that we untangle ourselves from lesser loyalties and give ourselves wholeheartedly to seeking first the kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR GUIDANCE AND HELP**

O Lord, sanctify and direct our lives in the ways of your will and the works of your commandments, that being under your guidance and protection we may be preserved in body and soul. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE**

O God, you so loved the world, that you gave your only Son, to be lifted up, as Moses lifted up the serpent for deliverance. We pray that Christ may be lifted up throughout the world today, especially among the Islamic people, so that they, and all peoples, may find in him their deliverance and salvation. 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, that they may be released and restored to life and continue to serve you in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR MORNING**

O Lord, King of heaven and earth, reign in our hearts and minds this day, and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds by your Word. 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.**
