

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful Father, author of all good gifts, help us by your Spirit to think those things that are right, and with your gracious help to perform the same; 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 (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 13:15-21

Lord Jesus Christ, your love of the Father was lived out by obedience to his commandments, and by obedience to your commandments we live out our love for you. Renew in us always such loving obedience to your Word that, as you have promised, we may readily receive another Counselor, the promised Holy Spirit, who will be your Spirit in us, now and forever. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may direct us according to your will, comfort us in all afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, steadfast in faith, may ever increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Gracious Father, Lord of the nations, we are mindful this Memorial Day weekend of war and destruction, of suffering and death. Sacred to our memory are all who have died in service to our country, defending our inspired spiritual values and our God-given freedoms. Turn us, the living, away from the incessant demands of the trivial, and the hypocrisy of sin's pretense, and restore our nation to being a people whose God is the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SUFFERING CHURCH

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

Hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
