

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

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you have not left us desolate, but have given us another Counselor to be with us forever, even the Spirit of truth. Keep us always in the way of your commandments, and deliver us from the way of error and unbelief. 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 GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Lord, you have caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May we so hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the enduring comfort of your Word, we may embrace and firmly hold the hope you have given us of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HOLINESS

Lord God, you call your people to be holy as you are holy, to be set apart for your purposes. Help us to put to death all worldliness and waywardness that would render us useless to the redeeming work of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, you have given us a land in which we are free to read and hear your Word, to confess your name, and to labor together in the work of your Kingdom. We pray that the liberty granted to us may continue to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all the nations of the earth, and to your eternal glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they may receive and know your help and comfort. 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.**
