

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

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 14:23-29

Lord Jesus Christ, you went away, so that you could be with us in a different way as the counselor, the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pervade our lives with your contemporary presence, calling, enlightening, and refreshing us always, with all that you are saying. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE MINISTRY

Gracious Lord, grant to all ministers of your Word, and to the congregations in their charge, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, that in the preaching and the hearing of your Word, they may be enlivened by the Spirit's ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKS TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

We thank you, God the Father, for giving your only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your body all our sins, and blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you, Lord, the Holy Spirit, for working in our hearts such confidence, that we know of nothing else in which to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. Grant, O God, that we may firmly believe that all our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully follow the Lord Jesus until we see him face to face in eternal life. 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.

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.**
