

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, everlasting God, help us to have always a devout will toward you, and the desire to serve your sovereign purposes with a pure heart; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 17:1-11

Lord Jesus Christ, when the hour of your death had come, your prayers turned to our needs that we would be kept in your name, that we would be one, that we would be protected from the evil one, and that we would be sanctified by the truth. Rekindle in us the need to pray, and especially the need to pray for those things for which you prayed. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH’S TASK

Gracious Lord, we pray for your holy Christian church and its leaders. Strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry in these times, that we may faithfully and courageously proclaim the good news of redemption in Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MINISTRY

Almighty God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you gave the Apostles many excellent gifts with which to feed your flock. Bless all teachers and ministers of your Word with diligence in proclaiming your Word, and your people with diligence in following the same. 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 know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR NATION

O God, by your providence you led those who came before us to this land in which they found refuge from oppression and freedom to worship you. We pray that you will always guide our nation in the way of truth and peace, so that we may never fail in the blessing you have promised to the people whose God is the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that we can assemble together in your promised presence and bring our mutual prayers before you. Fulfill now our desires and petitions according to your will, granting us in this world, knowledge of you, and in the world to come, your immediate presence. 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.**
