

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

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Gracious Father, in Jesus Christ you have given us your name. And this is life eternal—to know him whom you have sent. Keep us, your church, united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith, that we also may glorify your holy name. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light upon your church, that being instructed by the teachings of the Apostles we may walk in the light of your truth, and may at last enter into the light of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

Grant us, heavenly Father, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in your mercy, and a sincere love for you and for our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

O God, you gave your only Son for the redemption of all people. We pray that from the rising to the setting of the sun, your name may be made known among the nations, and that in every place holy hands may be lifted up to you in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

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.**
