

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 1:15-17

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

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 17:6-19

Ascended Lord, you reign over your church to accomplish in us that oneness for which you prayed, binding us together in the truth, just as you and the Father are one in truth. For this oneness that can never be broken by man-made divisions we give thanks and pray, "Sanctify us in the truth; your word is truth." Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR STEADFASTNESS

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us by your Holy Spirit to stand steadfast in this faith to the end, and rejoice in its fullness in everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may hear the Gospel and turn from false deities to him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church and give glory to your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRADUATION

Lord, we give thanks for all who are now graduating from educational institutions. We commend them to your care, as we also commend you to them as Savior and Lord. As the road to life unfolds before them, lead them safely away from the dead-end streets, and help them to live by your Word and promise to them in Baptism, and so walk and live in the company of other believers for life's brief journey. 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.**
