

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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 17:20-26

Lord Jesus Christ, grant to your church the unity for which you prayed, that we, being made one as you and the Father are one in love and obedience to each other, may know that oneness that transcends all human division and design. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HOLINESS

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all immoral conduct and worldliness, and so strengthen us in holiness, that by the purity of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we may give glory to your holy name and to the mission of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH'S TASK

Gracious Lord, we pray for the holy Christian church and its leaders, that you will strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry, that it may faithfully declare the good news of redemption, from all sin, death, and the power of the devil, especially in difficult times of hostility and apostasy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MOTHERS DAY

Gracious Father, bless all mothers who adopt or give birth to children, and who nurture them in the bonds of faith and familial love. Grant them wisdom and strength and the knowledge that their service is pleasing to you and precious to those whom they love. Bless for us today our remembrance of mothers who loved us and first taught us the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. 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.**