

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good gifts, graft into our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with your goodness, and by your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 • Mark 6:14-29**

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the bold and courageous witness of John the Baptizer, who prepared the way of your coming, and who courageously accepted death rather than a live a lie. Be with all today who, like John, are made to endure suffering and death for the sake of your Word. 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 A BLESSED DEATH

Lamb of God, In the hour of our death confirm in us the free gift your finished salvation, that trusting in your accomplished work, the adversary may not prevail, and we remain steadfast in Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PEACE

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your protection, never live in fear of any adversary, but enjoy the peace of living safely in your presence and power. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their waiting families and resume their normal lives. 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.**