

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit together in one communion and fellowship the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in virtuous and godly living that we may know the unspeakable joys that you have prepared for those who love you; 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 • Matthew 5:1-12

Lord Jesus Christ, source of solace and blessedness, which we can neither perceive nor receive without you, by your Word renew in us the gift of true blessedness and new life, that we, may walk in the blessedness of the saints who have gone before us, and boldly witnesses as did they to a hostile world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE DEPARTED

We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily in your promised washing. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HOLINESS

Lord God, you call us to be holy, set apart, to be instruments of your saving work in the world. Take from us the ways of the world and our willing waywardness to stray from you, that renders us useless to the Kingdom. Sanctify us in the truth; your Word is truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ELECTION SEASON

Lord God, we pray that during our national election process, we as citizens will take responsibility for being informed of specific issues and insightful of the nation's and the world's most dire needs. We also pray for responsible and honorable candidates who speak truth to issues, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise, with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you gather your church. We pray that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, live according to it, and ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
