

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Suggested ReClaim texts

same
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same
John 1:19-28



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, and with great might help us, that whatever is hindered by our sins, may by your grace and mercy be readily accomplished; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE RCL GOSPEL READING • Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Almighty God our Father, your servants, Mary and Elizabeth, the mothers of our Lord and of his forerunner John, were greatly blessed; and yet the same blessing also pierced their hearts with suffering. Teach us to accept your blessings, as true servants, knowing that "to whom much is given, much will be required." Then shall your name be honored, your Kingdom come, and your will done on earth as it is in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • John 1:19-28

O Lord, tune our hearts by your Holy Spirit, always to hear in the proclamation of your Word, your voice speaking in, with, and under the spoken words. Save us from false messengers and faddish messages that betray the glad tidings of great joy! Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given us this time to bring our mutual prayers before you in one accord. You have promised that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of our hearts as you deem appropriate, granting us, in this world, knowledge of you, and in the world to come life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, their Savior and Lord. Bless them with loving parents and teachers, and keep them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Lord of creation and life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand; be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through temptation and danger to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**