

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that as we believe your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, ascended into heaven, we may also in heart and mind there ascend to be with him forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Ascended and reigning Lord, open to us always the holy Scriptures that we may know the Word of life, and clothe us with power from on high to proclaim to the nations repentance and forgiveness of sins in your name. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Impart the grace and help of your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to all who minister your Word, that they may teach it in its purity to the salvation of all who hear. And bring to nothing the counsel of those who fear your Word and would destroy it, that we may live in peace, learn the riches of your Word, and serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITH

Increase our faith, O Lord, that we may ever more firmly believe the great and precious promises you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and may never need to be reproved for our little faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, to know you is life eternal. Grant us to know your Son, Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that following in his steps, we may faithfully walk with him in the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word and be kept from all danger. 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. 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.**
