

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 (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 24:44-53

Ascended and reigning Lord, open to us always the holy Scriptures that we may know how necessary was your death and resurrection for our salvation, and clothe us with power from on high to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to the nations in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grant your Holy Spirit, O Lord, for which you taught us to pray, that he may regenerate our hearts by your Word, and lead us into all truth that we thereby may be sanctified and preserved in true faith for eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR STEADFASTNESS

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to stand steadfast in this faith to the end, and rejoice in its fullness in everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that we may serve you in steadfast faith and, in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded, "Go into all the world baptizing and teaching." We intercede for all non-believers, including the Islamic people, praying that all peoples may learn to speak truth to each another in love, so that many will know Jesus Christ, who is the truth, and who gave his life as a ransom for all. 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.**
