

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, you desire not the death of sinners, but that they turn from their waywardness and live. Create in us clean and contrite hearts that, acknowledging our sins and lamenting our wretchedness, we may receive from you, merciful Father, full remission and forgiveness; 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 (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant that in this season of Lent, we may be drawn to you in humility and sincerity; and, abandoning all religious pretense and display, know the reward of seeking you in truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR STEADFASTNESS

Heavenly Father, in your love for sinners you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to continue steadfast in this faith to the end, that we may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

Gracious Lord, we pray for deliverance from sin, that in your mercy we may not only be set free from its power, but rescued from its consequences. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD

By the power of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, impart your grace and help to all who teach and minister your Word, that they may teach it in its purity to the salvation of all who hear. Enlighten all who hear, that they may learn the riches of your Word, and serve you, the only true God, in holiness and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open to them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk with us on the way to life eternal. 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. Comfort 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.

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.**
