

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
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 we turn from our 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

Gracious Father, as we enter upon the conflict by which our Savior Jesus Christ conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil for us, help us to come with receptive hearts to receive your gracious gift of salvation so wondrously given on the cross. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DAILY RENEWAL

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our nature upon himself. Grant that we, having been made alive in him, and having been made your sons and daughters by grace, may be renewed daily in grace and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE (Valentines Day)

For those in the holy estate of marriage, we pray that husbands and wives be strengthened in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, and in love toward each other, that they may become of one heart and mind. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would so reign in our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may hear the Gospel and turn from their false idols to him whom you have sent, be gathered into your holy church, and give glory to your holy name. 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.**
