



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
1 Sam 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Col 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God: direct our lives according to your good pleasure, that in the Name of your beloved Son. We may abound in good works: through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR GRACE TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the sacrifice for sin, and the example of a godly life: Enable us to receive always the benefits of his sacrifice with thanksgiving, and to follow the example of his most holy life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, everlasting God, you gave your only Son to be a high priest of good things to come: Grant that we, your servants may hereafter share in the company of the redeemed. 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 safety and freedom; and grant us your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH

Lord, you made us to be one Body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth; that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may faithfully serve you in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

Almighty God, who has given us a land in which we are free to read and hear your Word, to confess your name, to labor together in the work of your Kingdom: We pray that the liberty granted to us may continue to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all the nations of the earth, and to your eternal glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.