

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you raised Jesus from the grave, triumphed over death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Continue to inspire in us new desires and holy longings so that, by your continual help, may we bring the same to fruition; through Jesus Christ, 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 • John 20:1-18

Lord Jesus Christ, you burst the tomb winning for us an eternal triumph over sin and death forever and ever. Let the good news of Easter call us now to live no longer under the dominion of death, but in the light of life eternal until the news permeates our homes, our communities, our nation, and our world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. Regenerate in us newness of life by your Holy Spirit, that through the power of his resurrection, we may dwell with Christ forever. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their families and resume their daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GUIDANCE

O Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet not trod, and through perils still unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

Almighty, everlasting God, you gave your only Son to be the mediator of good things to come. Grant that we, your servants, may hereafter share in the blessed company of the redeemed. 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 in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
