

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 up your Son, Jesus Christ, overcame death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Continue to put into our minds good desires, so that by your continual help, we may 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

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Almighty and everlasting God, gracious Father, in Jesus Christ you have burst open the tomb and triumphed over all sin and death forever in order that we might be raised up out of sin and death to live a new life. We pray that this resurrected life may come to our homes, our churches, and our world, and that we may worship the risen Christ not only with liturgy and song on Easter Sunday, but with hearts, hands, and voices all our days. 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 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 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 MISSIONS

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us and all your people to be messengers of the Good News, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**
