

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, our lives are set in the midst of many and great dangers, all known to you. Because our frailty cannot always withstand them, grant us such strength and protection as will support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, through your Son, 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: Epiphany 4 (The Beatitudes) Matthew 5:1-12**

Lord Jesus, let your Beatitudes be a refiner's fire that burns away the dross in our carnal hearts, until we know the blessedness of the humble, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, and also the blessedness of being peacemakers, and being persecuted for righteousness sake. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in the military forces, especially _____. Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you, refuge, and in Christ, mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR HOLINESS**

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all immoral conduct, and so strengthen us by your grace, that by the purity of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we 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.**
