

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, favorably hear the prayers of your people that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:21-37**

Lord Jesus Christ, in the light of your Epiphany we see the crushing weight of the Law and our impotence to live by it. May its righteous demands drive us to you and the grace and truth you bring. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD**

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise your holy name for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You created us and you sustain us. You redeemed us and you sanctify us. You give bread for the body, and refresh our souls with your life-giving Spirit. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in every sorrow, and bless us with more than we can ask or think. To you be glory in the church forevermore. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word by which you also gather your Christian church. We humbly ask you to grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, whose way is always to have mercy, we pray for those who have erred and gone astray from the truth of your holy Word. Bless them with your fatherly correction and bring them to see the error of their way that they may again accept, firmly hold, and be sanctified in truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever their needs they may receive and know your help and comfort. 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.**

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