

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, you taught us not to put our trust in ourselves. Grant that trusting you we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 • Matthew 5:38-48

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Epiphany of God shines in our broken world of resentment, hate, and revenge. Teach us to live as those to whom your Kingdom has come, to live by the example of your love and be children of our heavenly Father. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO RECEIVE THE WORD

Lord, you have caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May we so hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the enduring comfort of your Word, we may embrace and firmly hold the hope you have given us for everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ, in obedience to your command to go into all the world and make disciples, we pray for the unbelieving world, and especially today for the Islamic peoples. Help us to learn how to speak truth to each another in love, so that many may come to the truth, and believe the Good News that, in you, redemption has come for all. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

O Lord, sanctify and direct our lives in the ways of your will and the works of your commandments, that being under your guidance and protection we may be preserved in body and soul. 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 THOSE IN AFFLICTION

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 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.**
