

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 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 by your power 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

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Lord Jesus Christ, in this broken world of resentment, hate, and revenge, enable us to be different, to choose the higher way of 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 this, 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

O God, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, we pray that Christ may be lifted up today among the Islamic peoples, so that they, and all people, may find deliverance and salvation in your beloved Son whom you gave for the life of the world. 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

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 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.**