



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Suggested ReClaim texts
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 83
Revelation 1:3b-8
John 18:33-37

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy and merciful Father, King of glory, you have established your kingdom of grace on earth in our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we might have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Graciously pardon all our sins, through the same, Jesus Christ 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 • John 18:22-27

Lord Jesus Christ, you are Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Another calendar year has ended in the church, reminding us that time will also end for us. Help us to know and to serve you, the king of truth, for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR CONTENTMENT

Protect us, O Lord, from distrust of your fatherly care, whenever we become overly anxious about our earthly needs, and direct us anew to live for the hallowing of your name, the coming of your Kingdom, and the doing of your will. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO KNOW AND FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty Father, to know you is life eternal. Grant that we may more fully know you, through Jesus Christ your Son, who is the way, the truth, and the life, so that following him, we may walk the narrow way that leads to life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would so reign in our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD

Lord of the nations, before your throne are people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation, many of whom do not know you. Give to your church an undying passion to tell the good news of Jesus, that we may readily give of our prayers, our gifts, and ourselves, Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR A BLESSED DEPARTURE

Merciful Father, when our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world and, on the last day, resurrection to your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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