

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

Suggested ReClaim texts

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 Matthew 24:36-44

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and breathe upon the church militant your saving peace; 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 • Matthew 24:36-44**

Lord Jesus Christ, focus our faith on your final coming, so that when this time of tribulation and trial is over, we may dwell with you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, in our eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

By your divine Word, gracious Father, you have led us to the knowledge of your Son. Continue to replenish us with the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that we may ever walk in the light of your truth, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ our Savior, and be brought to everlasting salvation. 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 it that, by the enduring comfort of your Word, we may embrace and firmly hold the hope you have given us of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not desire the death of a sinner, but that the sinner repent and live. We pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may be turned from false deities to the true and living God, and to him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church to give glory to your name. 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.**
