

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, true discernment in all things, and may we continually rejoice in his holy counsel; 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 20:19-23

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, speak your word of peace to our hearts, and turn them from fear to gladness that we may be sent, as you were sent by the Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring forgiveness to the penitent and to withhold it from the impenitent. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GUIDANCE

O Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet not trod, and through perils still unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH’S TASK

Gracious Lord, we pray for your holy Christian church and its leaders. Strengthen it in truth, ground it in faith, and empower it for witness and ministry in these times that we may faithfully and courageously proclaim the good news of redemption in Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

O God, you restore those who err and gather those who stray. Preserve your church in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Pour out upon it your gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united with the true Shepherd, may serve and worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

Gracious Father, grant to our confirmands an awareness of your nearness in their lives, that they may be open to new desires and holy longings from you, and grow in faith and knowledge of your Word, and your will for them. 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 know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, ever increase in faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
