

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:22-27
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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 continually to 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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Lord Jesus Christ, send into our hearts continually, the witness of the Counselor to declare your Word of truth, convicting us of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Guide us to you and your gracious love by which you have purchased for us forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people. May we serve you in steadfast faith, and in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE UNITY OF FAITH

Gracious Father, 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 MEMORIAL DAY

Gracious Father, Lord of the nations, we are mindful this Memorial Day weekend of war and destruction, of suffering and death. Sacred to our memory are all who have died in service to our country, defending inspired spiritual values and God-given freedoms. Turn us, the living, away from the incessant demands of the trivial, and the hypocrisy of sin's pretense, and restore our nation to being a people whose God is the Lord. 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 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.**
