

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Suggested ReClaim texts



**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.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 8:31-36**

Lord Jesus Christ, keep your church secure and steadfast in your Word, that we may know the truth as it was delivered to the saints, and that we may also live in the glorious freedom of the Gospel: freed from bondage to the law and its condemnation. 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 troubled 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 our faith 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.**

**HARVEST SEASON**

As the time of harvest arrives, O Lord, we give thanks for your bountiful provisions, and we pray for reasonable weather that crops may be safely gathered without irretrievable damage or loss from storms. Grant success to those who tend the earth that all may be fed. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FROM CALAMITY OR ATTACK**

Gracious God and Father, you have taught us that unless the Lord watches over the city the watchmen guard it in vain. Hear our prayer and watch over us, as we face the pandemic of Ebola and the threat of terrorists from within and from abroad. Be our shield and our refuge and strength against mindless destruction and senseless savagery of human life. We ask not because we are deserving, but only because you are merciful. 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 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.**