

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

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

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



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 (Optional Supplements for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 8:31-36

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called your church to be disciples, and commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. We give thanks on Reformation Sunday that your holy Word continues its efficacious work and pray that the Holy Spirit renew and reform your church always, beginning with us, that continuing in your Word, as disciples, we may know the freedom that your Word alone brings. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grant your Holy Spirit, O Lord, for which you taught us to pray, that he may regenerate our hearts by your Word, and lead us into all truth, that we thereby may be sanctified and preserved in true faith, and be faithful witnesses to the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD’S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility that, on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR UNITY IN THE FAITH

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may serve you faithfully in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them from 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.**