

Reformation Sunday
(Oct 30, 2016, Pentecost 24)

Year C

Color: Green



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 Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 8:31-36

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to be disciples, and commanded us to go and make disciples of all nations. We gather on Reformation Sunday with praise and thanksgiving for your efficacious Word by which your Holy Spirit continually enlightens your holy church, and by which we are sustained in true discipleship, and in the freedom which only the Gospel gives. 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.

FROM CALAMITY AND ATTACK THE CHURCH

Gracious God and Father, you have taught us, "Unless the Lord watches over the city the watchmen guard it in vain." Hear our prayer and watch over us, as we face the ever-present threat of terrorist attacks from within and from abroad. You are our shield, our refuge and our strength in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may hear the Gospel and turn to him whom you have sent, be gathered into your holy church, and give glory to your holy name. 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.**
