

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have given us the confession of the true faith, that we may worship you in the glory of the eternal Three-in-One, and in the majestic unity of the One-in-Three. Keep us firm in this faith and continue to defend us from all adversaries; for you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 28:16-20

We worship you, risen Lord, to whom all authority in heaven and on earth belongs. Renew in us a fervor to carry out the great mission you gave, to make all the world your disciples; and assure us that we go always with your abiding help and presence. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FATHERS

Gracious Father, today we honor and give thanks for all fathers who gave and who now give of their love, their labor, and their lives to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of their families. Grant them wisdom and inspiration to be instruments of your fatherly goodness and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR LOVE TO GOD

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE

Lord Jesus Christ, obedient to your command to go and make disciples of all nations, we pray for the unbelieving world, especially the Islamic peoples. Help us to learn how to speak truth to each other in love, so that many may believe the Good News that, in you, our redemption has come. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PEACE

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your defense, never fear the power of any adversary, but live in the peace of knowing your strength and presence. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Gracious Father, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy that, being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church. 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.**
