

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

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 • John 3:1-17

Almighty and everlasting God, whom we confess as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant that all who are born of the flesh, may be born anew of the Spirit, and that having been united with Christ in a death like his, we may be united with him in a resurrection like his. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKS TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

We thank you, God the Father, for giving your only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your body all our sins, and blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you, Lord, the Holy Spirit, for working in our hearts such confidence, that we know of nothing else in which to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Grant, O God, that we may firmly believe that all our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully follow the Lord Jesus until we see him face to face in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPRING AND PLANTING

We give thanks, O Lord, for spring, for seed and soil, for sunshine and showers, for farms and farmers, and above all, for life and growth from your hand. Make us good caretakers of the earth and faithful stewards of your bounty. 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, turn to him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church to give glory to your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRADUATION

Lord, we give thanks for all who are now graduating from educational institutions. We pray that as the road of life unfolds before them, they will continue to live by your Word and your promise to them in Baptism, and so walk with, and live in, the company of their fellow believers during life's brief journey. 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.**
