



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Phil 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35]

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, in ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities and dangers to the body, and from all evil thoughts that assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE MILITARY

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in our military forces, especially _____ . Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you refuge, and in Christ mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, and that in steadfast faith we may serve you, and in the confession of your name, abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE DEPARTED

We give thanks everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith, and now share the joys of your heavenly kingdom, and we humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.
