

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our lives are set in the midst of many and great dangers, all known to you. Because our frailty cannot always withstand them, grant us such strength and protection as will support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, 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

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:1-12

Lord Jesus, you have taught us that the truly blessed do not follow the way of the world with its lust of the flesh, its lust of the eyes, and its pride of life. True blessedness belongs to the humble, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for righteousness' sake. Lord, grant that we, being taught by your Word and Spirit, may be numbered among the blessed in this world and the next. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily in their baptismal promise. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their families and resume their daily lives. 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.

FOR HOLINESS

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all immoral conduct, and so strengthen us by your grace, that by the purity of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we 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.**
