

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly King, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth your right hand to defend us from all adversaries who rise up against us; 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:9-15

Lord Jesus Christ, tempted in all things as we are, yet without sinning, be our help and strength in temptation that by the ministry of angels and the prompting of your Word, we may withstand the evil one. 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.

FOR THE UNITY OF THE FAITH

Gracious Father, you restore those who err, and gather those who stray. Preserve your church in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Pour out upon it your gift of unity that all divisions may be healed, and your flock, united with the true Shepherd, may serve and worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you command us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for all who persecute us, who would denigrate the faith and deny our public witness. Make your name known to your adversaries, O Lord, that they may be turned from error, and the Gospel given free course. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

TO WALK IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Lord God, we your servants sin against you, transgress your commandments, and do not honor your name. We pray not only for forgiveness, but also cleansing from all unrighteousness and self complacency that we may be sanctified to walk before you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our 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.

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.**
