

**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, draw us this season into the wilderness of quiet meditation to converse with you in your Word, to face Satan’s snares and the sullen wild beasts within, and to win the ministry of angels. 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 have commanded us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith today, who denigrate Christianity and deny it voice in public discourse. By your gracious visitation may they be turned from their 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 have sinned against you, transgressed your holy Law, and have not honored your name. We ask that for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, you would forgive our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and grant us your Holy Spirit, so that we may 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.**