

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
 Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Psalm 103:1-8  
 Heb 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Faithful Lord, keep your church in your perpetual mercy. Because our frail nature cannot but fail without you, keep us from all things harmful, and lead us to all things helpful for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****ON THE GOSPEL READING**

God of grace and mercy, you established the seventh day to be holy and set apart, so that we would find rest from our toil, and also remember your Word, and in whose "house" we live. Help us appreciate the blessedness of the Sabbath, and especially the Sabbath rest we foretaste in Christ. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your Church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HALLOWING THE LORD'S DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, guide and direct us by your Holy Spirit, that we may hear and receive your Word and so keep this Sabbath day holy. Sanctify us in the truth, that we may place all our trust and hope in Jesus, daily follow him, be delivered from evil, and at last come by your grace to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever their needs they may receive and know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Almighty God, our refuge and strength, be with all who serve in the 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.**

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.**

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