



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope, and love. And that we may receive what you promise, help us to love what you command; 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 (Optional Suplications for)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Lord Jesus Christ, you cleanse the world one heart at a time by cleansing the defilement within. Turn us from following the precepts of men that would change the outward circumstances, while the inward defilement remains. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR DELIVERANCE FROM SIN**

Lord Jesus, you taught us to pray "deliver us from evil." By your continual light and leading, free us from sin's power and rescue us from its mortal consequences to body and soul. 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 love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD (Labor Day Weekend)**

We give you thanks, O Lord, on this Labor Day weekend. We praise your holy name, for you are good and your mercy endures forever. You create us and you sustain us. You redeem us and you sanctify us. You give bread for the body and you refresh our souls with your life-giving Spirit. You take away the burden of our sins, comfort us in every sorrow, and bless us with more than we can ask or think. To you be glory in the church forevermore. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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.**