

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Isaiah 35:4:-7a  
Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, keep your church, we pray, in your perpetual mercy and, because the frailty of our 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 (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Mark 7:24-37**

Lord Jesus Christ, you made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak, and brought unbelievers to faith. Grant your church such love for you and faithfulness to your Word, that the Holy Spirit may continue to open deaf ears and loosen mute tongues to boldly profess that you do all things well. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may direct us according to your will, comfort us in all afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, steadfast in faith, may ever increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer**

**FOR LABOR DAY**

Gracious God and Father, on this Labor Day weekend we lift thankful hearts to you, that under your providence and care we enjoy the daily blessings of industry and labor. Not alone our food, clothing, and homes, but also the sense of accomplishment and fulfillment which work brings. We ask you to support and sustain the unemployed who look to you in their need, and help us to work also for the common good and the well being of our nation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**

Lord God, we pray that during this election process, we, as citizens, will be informed of the issues and insightful of the greater good, and that candidates will honor the public office and the people who entrust it to them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION**

O God, the Great Physician, we pray for doctors, nurses, and all who care for the sick and dying. We give thanks for their ministry of mercy, and pray that you will bless them with the gifts of wisdom, strength, and compassion that they may be a blessing to all in their care. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE ILL**

Grant healing to all who are ill and who call upon you in their need. Assure them of your watchful care and keeping, and deliver them from infirmity. We name them now in our hearts before you. 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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