

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy upon our infirmity, and in every danger and necessity defend us with your mighty hand against all enemies; 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 • Luke 4:14-21**

Lord Jesus Christ, Isaiah announced your coming, as release for the captive, sight for the blind, and liberty for the oppressed. With the whole Christian church in heaven and on earth we give thanks and witness that your coming has been fulfilled in our hearing. Help us now to joyfully proclaim the liberating news to all that redemption has come and there is no other name in which it can be found. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HOLINESS**

Lord God, you call your people to be holy, that we may serve your redeeming purposes in the world. Take from us all worldliness and waywardness that would render us useless to your redemptive work, and wash us again with the spirit of holiness for your name's sake. 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.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their waiting families and resume their normal lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Lord of the nations, gathered before your throne are people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation, many of whom do not know you. Give to your church an evangelical passion to tell the news of Jesus, and readily offer our prayers, our gifts, and ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort 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 in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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