

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
 2 Sam 11:26—12:10, 13-15  
 Psalm 32  
 Gal 2:15-21  
 Luke 7:36—8:3

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, the helper of all who are nurtured in your steadfast fear and love, help us to have a constant fear and love of your holy name; 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**

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the enormous debt that we could never repay. Teach us to forgive others their debts, as you have forgiven us ours. And grant us always the blessings of a grateful heart. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE**

Gracious Father, fill our hearts with love, the greatest of all your gifts, without which our deeds accomplish nothing, and we are as lifeless before you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, whose way is always to have mercy, we pray for those who have erred and gone astray from the truth of your holy Word. Bless them with your fatherly correction, and bring them to see the error of their way, that they may again accept, firmly hold, and be sanctified in truth. 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.**

**FOR HUMILITY**

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your gifts of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. 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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