

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of justice and mercy, grant that we who justly deserve punishment for our evil deeds, may, by the comfort of your grace, be mercifully relieved; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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 • John 9:1-41**

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, you give sight to the blind and to those who think they see but do not. Open the eyes of our hearts to see and believe that we may worship you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, may serve you in holiness and purity, and may give you continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. 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 HOLINESS**

Lord God, you call your people to be holy as you are holy, to be set apart, for your purposes. Help us to put to death all worldliness and waywardness that would render us useless to the redeeming work of your Kingdom. 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.**

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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