

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**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 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Gracious Father, how can our hearts not feel the waste of life and of love, in the story of the prodigal. May your Word turn our hearts homeward to your extravagant love to find the forgiveness that awaits us all. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE**

O Lord, you have taught us that all our deeds done without love are nothing. Fill our hearts with that most excellent gift, without which we are regarded as lifeless before you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR PARDON**

God of mercy, hear the prayers of all who seek pardon for their sins, and bestow upon them both pardon and peace for Jesus sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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

Gracious God and Father, we pray for all who have wandered from the faith, or who are in doubt or temptation. By your Word and Spirit open to them the way of return, that they may again find delight in you, and walk again in the way of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FATHERS**

Gracious Father, we give thanks today for all faithful fathers, who give of their love, their labor, their lives, to provide the physical and spiritual needs of their families. Grant them wisdom and strength that they may reflect your fatherly goodness. 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 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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