

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

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

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
 (same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Merciful Father, defender of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is wholesome, and nothing is holy, direct and guide us, that we may use things temporal without losing those things that are eternal; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 7:36—8:3**

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received from you forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Grant us one thing more, a thankful heart. Fill us with an irrepressible gratitude as you did the saints before us, who, having been forgiven much, loved much. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Grant to us servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength and all our mind, 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, learn to walk before you all our days in humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your spirit of grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in love, be faithful to your Word, and know your abiding presence with us always. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR WITNESSES**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to go and make disciples. Embolden us as witnesses of your Word. Put your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips, that we, strengthened by your Word, may do those works which you have given us to do while it is day, before night comes and no one can work. 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 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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