

4 Pentecost

Series C

Color: Green

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, our hearts overflow with gratitude for your forgiveness so freely given and so freely received. Help us to live always by faith, trusting your Word of forgiveness, even when others and our own hearts would condemn us. 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 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 FATHERS

We give thanks today for all faithful fathers, those living and those departed, who give of their love, their labor, their lives, to provide the physical and spiritual needs of their families. Grant them wisdom and strength to be instruments of your fatherly goodness and love. 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.**
