

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
 Isaiah 65:1-9
 Psalm 22:19-28
 Gal 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39

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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Lord Jesus Christ, you cured a demoniac, thereby making known that we contend not only against flesh and blood, but against spiritual powers unknown to us, that are legion. Without you we walk in danger and are Satan's easy prey. Save us from the demonic in life, and help us always to watch and pray. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you. Hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise, with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise your holy name, for you are good and your mercy endures forever. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD

Almighty and everlasting God, who does not desire the death of a sinner but that the sinner repent and live, we pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ, may be turned from false deities to the true and living God, and to him whom you have sent, and be gathered into your holy church, to give glory to your name. 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.**
