

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have given us the confession of the true faith, that we may worship you in the glory of the eternal Three-in-One, and in the majestic unity of the One-in-Three. Keep us firm in this faith and continue to defend us from all adversaries; for you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

We worship you, risen Lord, to whom all authority in heaven and on earth belongs. Renew in us a fervor to carry out the great mission you gave, to make all the world your disciples; and assure us that we go always with your abiding help and presence. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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

Gracious God and Father, hear our intercession for those who have left the faith, those who have wandered, or who are in doubt or temptation, through neglect of your Word. Visit them in your fatherly way and show them the error of their way. Bring them safely back that they may again find delight in you and be wise in the way of life eternal. 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 THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE**

O God, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, we pray that Christ may be lifted up today among the Islamic peoples, so that they, and all people, may find deliverance and salvation in your beloved Son, whom you gave for the life of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR PEACE**

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your defense, never fear the power of any adversary, but live in the peace of knowing your strength and presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, 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.**

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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