



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Cor 12:12-31a
Luke 4:13-21

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy upon our infirmity, and in every danger and necessity defend us with your mighty hand against all enemies; 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

UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR THE CHURCH

Good Shepherd, look in mercy upon your flock, and grant it unity and strength. Awaken those who are asleep, bring back those who have strayed, and gather into your fold people of every tongue and race. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. 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 those who hate us and seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may come to repentance, and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word, by which you also gather your Christian church. We humbly ask you to grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, hope, and love, and at the last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HEARING THE WORD

O Lord, we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word, we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.