



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Psalm 122  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:36-44

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Psalm 122  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 3:1-12

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING - John the Baptizer**

Tune our hearts, O Lord, to your quiet comings, that we may hear your voice in this wilderness of sin. And prepare our hearts to meet you, who came and still comes and will come again. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts, that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, and serve you in holiness and purity, and may give you continual thanks for all your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR STEADFASTNESS**

Heavenly Father, in your love for sinners you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us by your Holy Spirit to continue steadfast in this faith to the end that we may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Lord, you have entrusted to your church the unfinished task of proclaiming your Word to those who have not yet heard. Awaken in us such new desires to spread the Gospel, that we offer not only our prayers for them, but our gifts and ourselves as your messengers. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O Lord, we offer our heartfelt thanks for teaching us what you would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. 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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