

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

- Isaiah 63:7-9
- Psalm 148
- Hebrews 2:10-18
- Matthew 2:13-23

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh may set us free from the old bondage of sin; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 2:13-23**

Lord Jesus Christ, you became a sojourner in Egypt and were brought safely home to Nazareth for our salvation. Grant that we who are sojourners in this broken and perilous world may be brought safely to our true home in your Kingdom and the joy of eternal life. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GUIDANCE INTO TRUTH**

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our nature upon himself. Grant that we, having been made alive in him, and having been made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed and led by the Holy Spirit to live in the truth that is Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR AID IN TEMPTATION**

Rule and govern our hearts, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that in every daily need, and especially in time of temptation, we may seek your help, and by a living faith obtain the same. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR WITNESSES**

Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to go and make disciples. Embolden us as witnesses to your Word. Put your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips, that we, strengthened by your Word, may do those works which you have given us to do while it is day, before night comes and no one can work. 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 THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. 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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