

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth, we thank you that you did come among us, and that we have seen your glory and know you as the only One sent from the Father. Keep us firm in this faith, unto life eternal. 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 by the Holy Spirit. 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 THE MINISTRY

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commanded us to pray for laborers for the harvest, send us teachers and ministers of your Word, and put your saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may preach nothing contrary to your holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by your Word, may do those things which are pleasing to you and profitable to the faith and mission of your church. 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.**
