

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our Father, in ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities and dangers to the body, and from all evil thoughts that assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 • John 3:1-17**

Lord Jesus Christ, in the waters of baptism you grant new birth through the mystery of the Spirit. As you instructed Nicodemus in the new birth, teach us also, so that we do not disclaim our baptism or regard it superstitiously, but own the gracious promise, given wherever water is used according to God's Word and by his command. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GUIDANCE INTO TRUTH**

Enlighten our minds, O God, by your Holy Spirit that, as your Son has promised, we may be led into all truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

O God, for those who love you, all things work together for good. Fill our hearts with such love for you, that when you awaken in us new desires and holy longings, we are not turned aside by any temptation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR PARDON**

God of mercy, hear the prayers of all who seek pardon for their sins, and bestow upon them both pardon and peace for Jesus' sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS**

Gracious Father, always multiplying your church, always strengthening the hearts of those whom you regenerate, confirming to them your promises and faithfulness, grant to our confirmands an increase of both faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their Baptism and heartily renew their covenant with you daily. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Comfort them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. 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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