

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 2:1-14



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, and with great might help us, that whatever is hindered by our sins, may by your grace and mercy be speedily accomplished; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 2:1-14**

Tune our hearts to adoration for your coming, O Lord that, led by the star of your Word, we may come to worship the eternal King at Bethlehem's manger, and to lay before you all that we are and have. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAITH**

Strengthen us in faith, O Lord, that we may ever more firmly believe the great and precious promises you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and that we may know the blessedness of those who know there will be a fulfillment of all you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR LOVE TO GOD**

Grant to us your servants, O Lord, such health of mind and body, that we may love you with all our strength, and all our mind, and with our whole heart perform those things that are pleasing to you. 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 THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, and pray that they may grow in the knowledge of your love and grace, through your Word. Inspire us as parents and teachers with your Spirit. Protect them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that, whatever their needs, they may know your help and comfort. 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.**