

**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.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****ON THE GOSPEL READING - *The Visit of the Wise Men***

Tune our hearts to your quiet comings, O Lord, that we may be led by the star of your Word to worship you as our eternal King, and to lay before you in adoration, all that we are and have. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your flock, Good Shepherd, and grant it unity and strength. Awaken those who are asleep, bring back those who have strayed, and gather into your fold people of every tongue and race. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who welcomed children saying, "of such is the Kingdom of God," guide and bless the children of your church by your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word. Protect them from all danger and harm, and give your holy angel charge over them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR UNITY IN THE CHURCH**

Lord, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Remove from us all false teachings that would divide us and subvert your truth, that we, your people, gathered from all nations, may serve you faithfully in the unity of the faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE**

Bless the holy estate of marriage. Grant that husbands and wives may live therein according to your holy Word. Strengthen them in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Walk with them amid all trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, in fellowship with your church, and in faithful service to one another, that they may always enjoy your blessings. 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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