

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Phillipians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-14

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Hebrews 1:1-9  
Matthew 11:2-10



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, hear our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation, through 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 RLC GOSPEL READING • Luke 3:7-14**

Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word, we live in a world of communication technology, while you stand among us still largely unknown. Give to your church a clarion voice like John's, that we may faithfully and fearlessly proclaim your presence among us today. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • Matthew 11:2-10**

Lord Jesus Christ, you send your messengers before you. Tune our hearts to listen for your Word when your messengers, like John, proclaim your advent and point the way of your coming. Imbue your messengers with your Spirit that the blind may see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dead awoken, and the poor hear good news. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Gracious Father, be with our military personnel, those who return home and those on active duty. Grant your help and healing that whatever their need, they may be restored to their families and resume their daily lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE**

Lord Jesus Christ: You call and send witnesses throughout the world, in every time and place, to every race and people, from the lowly to the mighty, bearing your gracious invitation to life eternal. We pray for all missionaries and the peoples with whom they labor in love. We pray for the Islamic people today that the Holy Spirit will open doors and hearts to believe the message, that God has shown his love for all sinners in Jesus Christ and purchased our eternal redemption. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy; that being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise, with your whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom, and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.