

First Sunday in Advent

Series B

Color: Blue or Purple

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Suggested ReClaim texts

Isaiah 42:1-4
Psalm 80:1-7
Acts 3:19-26
Mark 1:1-8



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance, 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 RCL GOSPEL READING • Mark 13:24-37

Lord Jesus, Savior of sinners, gather us now through the Gospel, so that when you come again in power and great glory to gather your elect, we, in faith, may be watching and worthily receive you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • Mark 1:1-8

Gracious Lord, stir up your church to repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and prepare in us a highway for your arrival. Baptize us under the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit that we may be free from sin's alloy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

THANKS AND PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom come all good gifts, and in whose gracious daily care we are guarded against all evil, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge all your goodness, and may ever thank and praise your loving kindness and tender mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR A BLESSED DEATH

Lamb of God, In the hour of our death confirm in us the free gift your finished salvation, that trusting in your accomplished work, the adversary may not prevail, and we remain steadfast in Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us and all your people to be messengers of the good news, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE SICK

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.**
