



LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Mal 3:1-4
or Bar 5:1-9
Psalm - Luke 1:68-79
Phil 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Suggested ReClaim texts

Mal 3:1-4
Psalm - Luke 1:68-79
Rom 15:4-13
Luke 1:26 - 38 The Annunciation

COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son, so that by his coming we may be made ready to serve you with pure minds: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we pray that you would enlighten our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may always truly thank you for your grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in every time of trial and temptation. 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 grant us your peace in our time: Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR MILITARY IN TIME OF WAR

Almighty God, our refuge and strength: be with all who serve in the military forces, especially _____. Give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Grant that they may find in you, refuge: and in Christ, mercy. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and fulfill our urgent longing for a speedy resolution with a just and lasting peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

God of the living, in whose presence those whom we call dead are still alive: We give thanks for your servants who have departed this life in faith, and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom; and we humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

Amen.
