

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
Luke 1:67-79



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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE RLC GOSPEL READING • Luke 3:7-14

Lord Jesus, while we boast of our world of communication, you stand among us, still largely unknown. Give to your church, a clarion voice, that we may fearlessly and joyfully proclaim the meaning of your Advent among us, today. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • Luke 1:67-79

Lord Jesus Christ, Zachariah praised you for coming to bring knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of sins for all who sit in darkness. May the dawn of your grace from on high illumine our world, that we may no longer be children of the darkness but of the light. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Grant to your church, O Lord, your Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which comes down from heaven, that your Word may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people. In steadfast faith may we may serve you, and in the confession of your name, abide to the end. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

O God, your sent your anointed, Jesus Christ, to give himself for the redemption of all people. Grant that from the rising to the setting of the sun, your name may be made known among the nations, and that in every place holy hands may be lifted up in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to you. 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 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.
