

Christmas Day III

December 25, 2009

Series "C"

LECTIONARY TEXT

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Heb 1:1-4 [5-12]
John 1:1-14

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh, may set us free from our old bondage to sin, to live with you in newness of life, now and forever: through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord God, heavenly Father, by the light of your Word you have led us to the knowledge of your Son. Replenish in us always the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of your truth, rejoice in Christ our Savior, and in the end be brought to eternal salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, let the brightness of your glory shine upon us, and the light of your light illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, to establish the hearts of all who have been born again by your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR GRACE TO FOLLOW CHRIST

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the sacrifice for sin, and the example of a godly life. Enable us to receive always the benefits of his sacrifice with thanksgiving, and to follow the example of his most holy life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

O God, whose way is to put down the proud and exalt those of low degree: grant us true humility in the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that we be not puffed up by pride, and provoke your anger, but in all lowliness be made partakers in Christ's humility and in your gifts of grace. 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.