

Christmas Eve I

December 24, 2009

Series "C"

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. As we have known the mysteries of the Light here on earth, may we also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Make us, and all your people, messengers of the Gospel; so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our nature upon himself. Grant that we, having been made alive in him, and having been made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR STEADFASTNESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in your tender love for sinners, gave your only Son that, believing on him we might have everlasting life: Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose will it is that none of your little ones should perish, and who welcomed children saying, "of such is the Kingdom of God," guide and bless the children of our church by your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word. Protect them from all danger and harm. And give your holy angels charge over them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's name. We humbly ask that you hear the prayers we offer; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may be effectually obtained, to the relief of our needs, and to the glory of your name. 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.
