

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)

- Isaiah 62:6-12
- Psalm 97
- Titus 3:4-7
- Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

**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 the old bondage of sin; through the same 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 GOSPEL READING • Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)**

Almighty God, may the joyous birth of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, fulfill in us the purpose of his coming that we may have life and have it more abundantly. May the tidings of great joy fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKS TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

We thank you, God the Father, for giving your only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your body all our sins, and blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, for working in our hearts such confidence that we know of nothing else in which to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Grant, O God, that we may firmly believe that all our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully follow the Lord Jesus until we see him face to face in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR MISSIONS**

Lord of the nations, you commissioned us to go and make disciples of all nations. Make us ready and willing to build upon the labors of those who went before us, and grant that those who follow will be able to build upon our work that we with them, and they with us, may fulfill your command. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION**

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress that whatever their needs, they may receive and know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CONFIRMANDS**

Gracious Father, always strengthening the hearts of those whom you regenerate, confirming in them your promise and faithfulness, grant that our confirmands may grow in faith and knowledge of your Word that they may rejoice and daily live in their baptism. 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.**