

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

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

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Most merciful God, you have given your eternal Word to be incarnate through the virgin Mary. Help us to turn away from the desires of the flesh so we may be ready for his visitation; through the same, Jesus Christ your Son 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 • John 1:1-14**

Almighty God, you have penetrated our darkness with the true and eternal Light, Jesus Christ, that we should receive him, believe in his name, and be born again as children of God. Anoint our eyes by the Holy Spirit to behold his glory, full of grace and truth. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Gracious God and Father, by the light of your holy Word you bring us to the knowledge of your Son. Replenish in us the work of the Holy Spirit that we may confidently walk in the light of Christ, rejoice in him as our Lord and Savior, and be brought to everlasting salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE SICK**

Gracious Father, 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 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 MOTHERS**

Almighty God, giver of life, bless all mothers who, in order to bring forth human life and familial joys, endure the dangers and pangs of giving birth. Watch over them in their travail, deliver them through pain and danger, and reward them with the fullness of joy at birth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR HOLINESS**

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all immoral conduct, and so strengthen by your grace that by the purity of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we give glory to your holy name. 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.**