

**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**

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our lives according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 1:1-14**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, on our benighted shore, the day has dawned, the day of grace in Jesus Christ. In him the true and eternal light forever shines. May Christ so shine in our lives that we may be born anew and live as children of God. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely to the joy of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE FAITH**

We ask your mercy and help, O Father, for all who are falsely accused and wrongly imprisoned, especially those who are persecuted for the sake of your name. May they gain release and be restored to life and to your service. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR FAMILY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Lord we give thanks for family members who are home and reunited with their families this season. We thank you for the enrichment we find in the bonds of family and friends. Grant safe travel to all and may the holy family, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, secure and sanctify in us the blessed bonds of marriage and family. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**REMEMBERING THOSE DEPARTED**

We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith and now share the joys of your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in him, and finally awoken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR A BLESSED DEPARTURE**

Merciful Father, when our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world and, on the last day, resurrection to your glory. 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.**