

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 and Father, in Jesus Christ your Son, the true and eternal Light has dawned. By your Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts that we may receive him, believe in his name, and be born children of God.

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 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 know your help and comfort. 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 us 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.

FOR THE CHURCH

O Lord, hear the prayers of your church, and deliver us from all adversity and error, so that we may serve you in safety and freedom and know your peace in our time. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of self or of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your gifts of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, we thank you that in your great mercy you have given us your holy and blessed Word. And we pray that we may always receive it with thankful hearts, live according to it, increase in faith, hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
