

**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 holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant, we pray, that as we have known the mysteries of the Light here on earth, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)****ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 2:1-14**

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you entered human history by a virgin's womb as you had spoken by the prophets. With Mary we ponder the incredible news that lying in a manger, wrapped in birth cloths, is the everlasting Father who now is our almighty Savior from sin and death. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR DAILY 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 through faith, may daily follow him in humility and worship him in the beauty of holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE RESTORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED**

Gracious God and Father, hear our intercession for those who have left the faith, those who have wandered, or who are in doubt or temptation through neglect of your Word. Visit them in your fatherly love and lead them on the way of return, that they may again find delight in you and in that life that is eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you and of your Word and be kept from all danger that would lead them astray from you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.****FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD**

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not desire our death as sinners, but that we repent and live. We pray that all who do not know your saving grace and truth in Jesus Christ may turn to him whom you have sent, and be gathered among the redeemed from every nation, and give glory to your name. 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.**

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.**

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