

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]**

Almighty God, everlasting Father, let us never fail to find a place for you, who came seeking a place among us, nor let us fail to know the gracious purpose of your coming, that it is for us this Savior who is Christ the Lord was born. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSION**

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know the meaning of your coming and your imminent nearness, Make us joyful messengers of the incredible news that all may know the joy and peace that your birth has indeed brought to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

Almighty God, you sent your only Son, born of Mary, to take our human nature upon himself, so that we, who were dead in our trespasses and sins, should find new life in him. Grant that having been made alive in him, and having been made your children by grace through faith, we may withstand the tide of seasonal distractions, and keep a quiet place for him in the manger of our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR STEADFASTNESS**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in your tender love for sinners, gave your only Son that, believing on him we might have everlasting life: Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose will it is that none of your little ones should perish, and who welcomed children saying, "of such is the Kingdom of God," guide and bless the children of our church by your Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word. Protect them from all danger and harm, and give your holy angels charge over them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR THE SICK**

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, 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.

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.**
