

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Grant, almighty God, that the joyous birth of your Son in human flesh may set us free from the old bondage of sin; 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 • Luke 2:8-20**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may the joyous birth of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fulfill in us his purpose in coming, that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Help us to hear anew the angelic message, and fill us with all joy in believing. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**THANKS TO FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

We thank you, God the Father, for giving your only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your body all our sins, and blotted out all our transgressions. We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, for working in our hearts such confidence that we know of nothing else in which to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Grant, O God, that we may firmly believe that all our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully follow the Lord Jesus until we see him face to face in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE CHURCH**

Look in mercy upon your church, O Lord, which you have bought with a great price. Keep us from giving offense to the Gospel and bind us together in the unity of the Spirit. Grant that our children, baptized in your name, may live daily their promised washing. And to all who commune with you, at your table, grant forgiveness, peace, and life eternal. 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 ills and dangers of giving birth. In their time of travail, watch over them, deliver them, and reward them with the joy of birth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

Almighty God, be with all who serve in the military forces, in this Christmas season who are absent from home and loved ones ( especially \_\_\_\_\_). Fill them with the joy of the Christmas Gospel, give them courage and strength, and spare them from harm and destruction. Let hope and comfort attend their families, and grant us an early end to conflict, a safe return, and a just and lasting peace. 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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