

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to welcome with childlike trust, the joyous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that he may fulfill in us the purpose of his coming, and we may have life abundant and life eternal. 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 MISSION TO THE WORLD

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, before your throne are gathered people of every tongue, and tribe, and nation. We pray for all people who do not know Jesus. You commanded us to go and tell, but we have excused ourselves for too long. We ask forgiveness. Restore to us the urgency and passion to tell a dying world the good news that salvation has come in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

You, O Lord, are the comfort of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak. Hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever they require they may receive and know your very present help. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR ALL MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, bless all mothers who adopt or give birth to children, and who nurture them in the bonds of family love. Grant them joy and wisdom in their ministry and the assurance of your blessings. 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.**
