

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**ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Almighty God, you entered human life by the virgin Mary and were born Emmanuel, "God with us." Help us to ponder again the incredible news that the most high God overshadowed a virgin, and that wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger, is the Savior of the world. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR MISSIONS**

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Inspire us, and all your people, to be messengers of the Good News, so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR SPIRITUAL 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 adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR STEADFASTNESS**

Heavenly Father, in your love for sinners you sent your Son that we might believe in him and have eternal life. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to continue steadfast in this faith to the end that we may come to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you welcomed children saying, "of such is the Kingdom of God." Guide and bless the children of your 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 angel charge over them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.**FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in Jesus' name. We humbly ask that you hear the prayers we offer, and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to your will may be effectually obtained to the relief of our needs and to the glory of your name. 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.**
