

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, or fail to hear the angelic news that for us is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH’S MISSION

Have compassion, O Lord, on all who do not know you, and are like sheep without a shepherd. Make us, and all your people, messengers of the Gospel; so that all may know the true Shepherd of their souls, Jesus Christ. 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 grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit. 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 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.**
