

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your incarnate Son to the nations. Grant that we, following the star of your Word, may after this life see the fullness of your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ON THE GOSPEL READING

Lord God, heavenly Father, you once led astronomers from the east by a star to where Jesus could be found. Today your Word is the star that directs our way. Grant that your Word may have free course in our lives and in our world, and that following it we may come to know and worship Christ as Lord. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, O God, that he may rule and direct us according to your will. Comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in love and all good works, and in the end obtain eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION

God, let the brightness of your glory shine upon us, and the light of your light illumine our hearts and establish the hearts of all who have been born again by water and the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE CHURCH

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light upon your church, that being instructed by the teachings of the Apostles, we may walk in the light of your truth and may at last enter into the light of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR MISSIONS

O God, you gave your only Son for the redemption of all people. We pray that from the rising to the setting of the sun, your name may be made known among the nations, and that in every place holy hands may be lifted up to you in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. 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.**
