

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Suggested ReClaim texts

(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of heaven and earth, in your mercy hear the prayers of your people, and grant that we may know your peace all the days of our lives; through your Son Jesus Christ 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: *Epiphany 2 (Behold the Lamb of God) John 1:29-41*

Lord Jesus Christ, announced by John as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant that by the light of your Epiphany we may always know you as the Lamb of God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gracious God and Father, by the light of your holy Word you bring us to the knowledge of your Son. Replenish in us the work of the Holy Spirit, that we may confidently walk in the light of Christ, rejoice in him as our Lord and Savior, and be brought to everlasting salvation. 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 GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, enable us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light now in this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the last day when he comes again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be raised to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

O Lord, comforter of the sorrowing and strength of the weak, hear our prayers for all who suffer illness and distress, that whatever their needs they may receive and know your help and comfort. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN THE ESTATE OF MARRIAGE

Bless the holy estate of marriage. Grant that husbands and wives may live therein according to your holy Word. Strengthen them in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Walk with them amid all trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, in fellowship with your church, and in faithful service to one another. 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.**