

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy upon our infirmity, and in every danger and necessity defend us with your mighty hand against all enemies; 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: *Epiphany 3 (Repent, the Kingdom is at hand) Matthew 4:12-23*

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the light has dawned and the kingdom has come. Let your Epiphany, summon us always to follow you and to labor for the kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR UNITY AND STRENGTH FOR THE CHURCH

Look in mercy upon your flock, good Shepherd, and grant it unity and strength. Awaken those who are asleep, bring back those who have strayed, and gather into your fold people of every tongue and race. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE IN AFFLICTION

Almighty God, hear the prayers of those who turn to you in their time of trial, and be their refuge and strength, and to the glory of your name, their very present help in trouble. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR OUR ENEMIES

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for the enemies of our faith who seek our harm, that by your gracious visitation they may be turned from their way and be of one mind with us and with the whole church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR HUMILITY

Gracious Father, may we, like your Son, walk before you all our days in true humility and not be puffed up with the haughtiness of self or of the world, but in all lowliness be partakers of your gifts of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE

O God, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, we pray that Christ may be lifted up today among the Islamic peoples, so that they, and all people, may find deliverance and salvation in your beloved Son, whom you gave for the life of the world. 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.**
