

LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)
Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Suggested ReClaim texts
(same)



COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, keep your church and household steadfast in the true faith, that leaning only upon the hope of your saving grace, we may be defended always by your mighty power; 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 (Optional Supplications for)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:13-20

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to be heralds of your Epiphany, to be as salt in the world's decadence, as light in its darkness, and as conspicuous as a city set on a hill, so that all may see and glorify your holy name. 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 THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Guide and bless the children of your church, O Lord, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of your Word, and be kept from all danger. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR FAITH

Strengthen us in faith, O Lord, that we may ever more firmly believe the great and precious promises you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and that we may know the blessedness of those who believe there will be fulfillment of all you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR THOSE DEPARTED

We give thanks, everlasting Father, for your servants who have departed this life in faith, and now share the joys of your heavenly kingdom. And we humbly ask that, with them, we may live in Christ and die in Christ, and finally awaken in his likeness in the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

FOR PEACE

God of peace and concord, may we your servants, trusting firmly in your defense, never fear the power of any adversary, but live in the peace of your strength and presence. 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.**