

**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.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Optional Supplications for)**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • Matthew 2:1-12**

Lord God, heavenly Father, without your star to guide them, the wise men would never have sought a king in a manger. Guide us, Holy Spirit, to find him today in Scripture, the manger in which he is to be found. 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 THE WORD**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, impart the grace and help of your Holy Spirit to all who minister your Word, that they may teach it in its purity, to the salvation of all who hear. 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.**

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH**

Good Shepherd, may our children be drawn to know you and ever kept in your company, so that walking in your ways, they may show forth your praise and be one with us in the confession of your holy name. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**IN TIMES OF ILLNESS**

We bring to you, gracious Father, the needs of all who are sick, suffering, and dying. Enfold them in your compassion as they look to you for help. Grant wisdom and strength to all who render aid, and to all, a sure hope in your help and final deliverance. 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.**

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