

**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

**Suggested ReClaim texts**

(same)



**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our lives according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works; through the same, Jesus Christ 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**

**ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

Almighty God, our Father, you have penetrated our darkness with the true and eternal light, Jesus Christ, that we should receive him, believe in his name, and be born again as children of God. Anoint our eyes by the Holy Spirit to behold his glory, full of grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GUIDANCE INTO TRUTH**

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our nature upon himself. Grant that we, having been made alive in him, and having been made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR AID IN TEMPTATION**

Rule and govern our hearts, O God, by your Holy Spirit, that in every daily need, and especially in time of temptation, we may seek your help, and by a living faith obtain the same. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR WITNESSES**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you commanded us to go and make disciples. Embolden us as witnesses of your Word. Put your saving Gospel in our hearts and on our lips, that we, strengthened by your Word, may do those works you have given us to do while it is day, before night comes when no one can work. 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 THE UNBORN**

O Lord, creator of life, guard and preserve the unborn, the work of your own hand, and be with mothers who carry them. Bring them both safely through peril to the joy of life. 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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