

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 (*Optional Supplications for*)

ON THE GOSPEL READING • John 1:29-41

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant that by the light of your Epiphany we may always confess you as the Lamb of God, and faithfully bear witness to you as such before the world. 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. Renew in us the work of the Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully walk in the light of Christ, rejoice in him as Lord and Savior, and be brought to eternal 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 eternal. 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

For those in the holy estate of marriage, gracious Lord, we pray that husbands and wives be strengthened in daily faithfulness to their vows and in true affection toward each other. Guide them through life's common trials and temptations, and enable them to so live together in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward each other, that they may be of one heart and mind and spirit. 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.**