

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
And do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
Giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
So shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
It shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I sent it.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19**

**R/ From all their distress God rescues the just.**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R/ From all their distress God rescues the just.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R/ From all their distress God rescues the just.**

The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**R/ From all their distress God rescues the just.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted,  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**R/ From all their distress God rescues the just.**

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**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:7-15**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When you pray, do not use a lot of words, as the pagans do, for they hold that the more they say, the more chance they have of being heard. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need, even before you ask him.

This, then, is how you should pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
holy be your name,  
your kingdom come  
and your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts  
just as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us.  
Do not bring us to the test

but deliver us from the evil one.

If you forgive others their wrongs, your Father in heaven will also forgive yours. If you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive you either."

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