

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Introduction

When we know our faith and practice, our religious duties and observances—when we go to Mass and the sacraments and practice penance during Lent—are we good Christians? Only if our heart is in what we do. If we act as we believe and do what we say. If our faith affects our everyday living and our relations with our neighbor. If we build up the kingdom of God. Otherwise, our faith is hypocritical.

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
you want us to live our faith
not so much as a set of rules and practices,
but as a relationship from person to person
with you and with people.
God, keep our hearts turned to you,
that we may live what we believe
and that we may express our love for you
in terms of service to those around us,
as Jesus did, your Son,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

General Intercessions

- That we dare to see what is wrong in our Church and in society and voice out our protest, we pray:
- That leaders in the Church and in politics may not let deeds of hunger for power or greed contradict their words and promises, we pray:
- That we may all care for widows and orphans and for those who have a hard time in life, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God,
we are gathered before you
with your Son in our midst.
May we learn from him,
that to celebrate the Eucharist
is no substitute for committing ourselves
to the work of justice and mercy,
but its source of strength.
May we build up among us

your kingdom of peace.

We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, our God, you send us

to be your community,

to be your sign to the world.

May we not draw attention

to ourselves or to our practices,

but go to you together as your people

and guide the world to you.

May service and love be our humble way,

and may Jesus lead us,

he who is your Son and our Lord for ever.

Blessing

May God give us a sense of honesty with ourselves and with God, that we may not pretend to be better than we are and do nothing just for the sake of being seen by people. God knows, and that is enough.

May the holy, truthful God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.