

Liturgy Alive of Feria

Introduction

Those who place their faith in themselves and in the means they possess are not open to God or God's kingdom. They make themselves their own gods and adore what they have made. They adore the golden calf. They fail to see the needs of others, especially of the poor. Those who have more are not condemned because they have more, but because they don't see the needs of those who have less. We must learn to see also the unspoken needs of the poor, especially of the humble, of those who dare not to voice out their poverty and distress.

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
many of us never had it so good
and so, we have become smug and self-satisfied,
happy in our own little world.
God, may our ears remain open to your Word
and our hearts to you
and to our brothers and sisters.
Do not allow us to forget you,
or to place our trust in ourselves.
Make us restless for you
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

General Intercessions

- For the poor and the destitute, for those who live at the margin of society, we pray:
- For those whose hearts are hardened and who no longer see the needs and the cravings of the poor, we pray:
- For poor countries of the third or the fourth world, that they may have due access to the riches of the world, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, you know what is in us
and where our treasure is.
Give us faith not in ourselves
or in what our hands have made,
but in what we can build up
together with you and with your Son,
so that what we are and do
may be both a gift from your goodness
and the fruit of our work,

in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Open our ears, Lord God,
to the words that Jesus speaks to us,
that we may believe in your future
and build up a better world.

Open our eyes to the needs of those who suffer,
that we may care for you in them.

Open our hearts to you,
that we may love and praise you,
for ever and ever.

Blessing

Eyes to see the needs of the people, ears to hear their cries for justice and mercy, a fair share in the goods of the earth, material and spiritual, that is what we all need very much. May almighty God be good to you and give you all these. May he bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.