

# Liturgy Alive of Easter Feria

## Introduction

As Christians baptized in the name of Christ, we have received the Holy Spirit of fortitude. With his help, we should be able to give a place to pain and suffering in our lives. Anyway, it is part of all human life. But to Christians, it makes even more sense: it was Christ's way and the disciple can accept in peace and use it for the sake of bringing peace to others. Christ will help us bear it, for he has conquered the world.

## Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,  
when your Son Jesus had to pass through trials,  
he knew that you were with him  
and he committed himself into your hands.  
In this way, he brought peace to people.  
As people baptized into his name,  
let your Spirit help us to be brave  
when suffering and difficulties come our way,  
that, like your Son and with him,  
we may overcome evil in ourselves  
and in the world.  
May our pains give birth  
to love and peace and hope for others.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

## General Intercessions

- That the Holy Spirit may breathe in us the fervor to live consistently our baptismal faith, we pray:
- That the Holy Spirit may give us the strength to carry with Jesus the crosses that come to us in life, we pray:
- That the Holy Spirit may warm up in us our cold hearts, that at times we don't know how to forgive and love, we pray:

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,  
in this sacrifice we celebrate,  
how we have to pass through suffering  
because it was the way of Jesus.  
Make us aware  
that this is also the way of the disciple,,  
as the test of our faith,  
the probation of our hope  
and the measure of our love.

Give us the Spirit of strength to bear difficulties  
with peace and consolation in our hearts  
on account of the joy you have promised  
and the fruits they may bear for others,  
as an offering to you through Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, our God,  
you promise us what no eye has seen  
and no ear has heard.  
Give us the strength of the Spirit  
to bear suffering in hope  
and as a way to grow in the life of Christ.  
May it bring to others the courage  
to hope in your promise  
of a new heaven and a new earth  
and to live in your friendship.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Blessing**

When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, the world was changed, death and sin were defeated. But we have still to make this true today. Justice and love must still triumph in us today. Let the Spirit commit us to do this today, and may Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.