

Liturgy Alive of Easter Feria

Introduction

One of the much used songs in Church today says, “there’s joy in giving.” In his farewell address, Jesus said to his apostles that he wanted to share his joy with them to the full. And Paul, speaking from his own experience, says that there is more happiness in giving than in receiving. The Lord and the apostles gave themselves to others. How far can we do this? And what a joy it would be if we could all be one!

Opening Prayer

Lord, our God,
your Son Jesus, gave himself totally
to those he loved—that is, to all.
Give us a bit of his unselfish love
that we too, may learn from experience
that there is more joy in giving ourselves
than in receiving honors or favors.
May the Spirit make us also one
that we graciously share with one another
our God-given riches and gifts as persons.
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

General Intercessions

- God, who loves us all in Jesus your Son, let the Holy Spirit unite us as people who accept and love one another, we pray:
- God, unite in your Son Jesus all Churches who claim him as their Lord and Savior, we pray:
- God, let your Spirit give us an attitude of total acceptance and appreciation for one another, we pray:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, our God,
your Son was close to people,
as he is close to you now in the Eucharist.
Give us his Spirit
that we too, may be close
to those you have entrusted to us,
full of attention and understanding,
not drawing attention to ourselves,
but to him who is in our midst
and who makes us one in all our diversity,
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

God, it is not shameful to be human
and to feel for others.

This was your Son's way.

Let it also be ours.

Give us a deep sympathy for people,
that we may listen to them,

learn to understand them

and to take them as they are,

as your Son takes us as we are

to raise us above ourselves

and to lead us to you,

our God for ever.

Blessing

Psalm 133 says, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live in unity." Jesus prayed that we could. Can we? Are we willing? May the Spirit give us the grace to become one. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.